

G narrative tenses, past perfect continuous, so / such...that...

V air travel

P irregular past forms, sentence rhythm

1 VOCABULARY air travel

- a Replace the **bold** words with a formal word or phrase from the list.

approximately disembark locate
~~personal electronic devices~~ place
proceed to rear requiring

- 1 Cell phones, tablets, and laptops may be used in flight mode during the flight. personal electronic devices
- 2 There are bathrooms at the front and at the **back** of the plane. _____
- 3 Our flight time today is **about** two and a half hours. _____
- 4 The crew will be passing through the cabin with ear phones for any passengers **needing** them. _____
- 5 Passengers to New York are asked to **go to** Gate 36 immediately. _____
- 6 Please check that you have all your belongings with you before you **leave the plane**. _____
- 7 We ask that you **put** bags and jackets under the seat in front of you. _____
- 8 Please take some time now to **find** your nearest emergency exit. _____

b Circle the correct word.

- 1 They booked first-class tickets, so they could use the *airport terminal* / airline lounge while waiting for their flight.
- 2 It didn't take long for me to check in my suitcase at the *baggage drop* / *security*.
- 3 The passengers were stopped at *customs* / *the check-in desk* for their bags to be checked.
- 4 I showed my boarding pass and ID at the *baggage claim* / *gate* and went to board my flight.
- 5 I didn't have a boarding pass, so I had to stand in line at the *check-in desk* / *customs* to get one.
- 6 We could see our plane on the *runway* / *gate* while we were waiting to board.
- 7 We parked as close as possible to the *airport terminal* / *airline lounge* because we were late.
- 8 The quickest way to find your flight is to look at the *departures board* / *runway*.
- 9 I was wearing boots, so I had to take them off at *security* / *the baggage drop*.
- 10 When I went to the *baggage claim* / *flight times*, I found that my suitcase hadn't arrived.

c Complete the sentences with a word from the list.

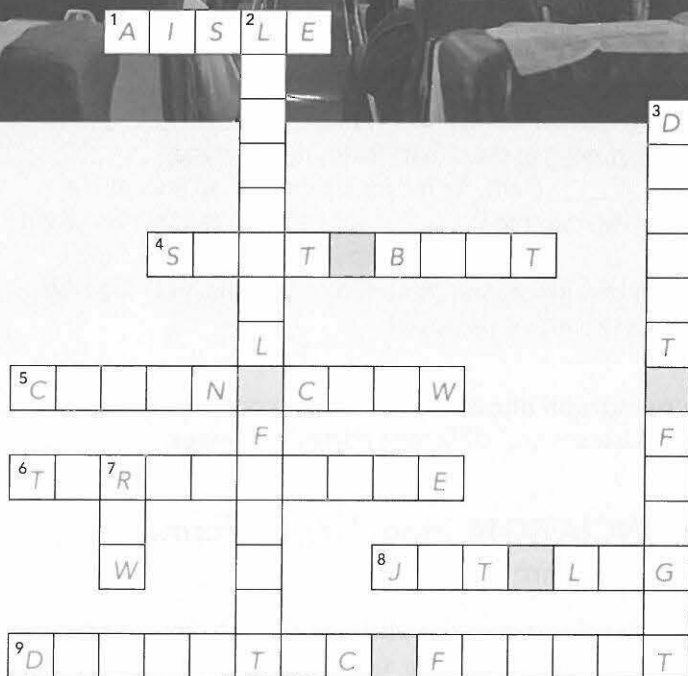
arrivals ~~business-class~~ cart collect
delayed first class illegal goods luggage

- 1 Companies usually pay for employees to travel business class.
- 2 If your suitcase has wheels, you don't need to use a _____.
- 3 There's usually a line of taxis waiting outside _____.
- 4 Passengers who are traveling _____ sit in the most comfortable seats on the plane.
- 5 You should always keep your _____ with you when you're in an airport.
- 6 Customs officers check travelers' bags to make sure they are not trying to bring _____ into the country.
- 7 It can sometimes take a long time to get out of the airport if you have to wait to _____ your bags from the baggage claim.
- 8 The departures board informs passengers whether a flight is on time, boarding, or _____.

d Complete the text.

Last year, I wanted to travel from Calgary to San Diego to visit a friend. I had booked an ¹international flight from Calgary to Los Angeles and a ²c_____ fl_____ from Los Angeles to San Diego. I printed my ³b_____ p_____ the day before my flight, and I took it with me to the airport. I was able to go right to security in ⁴D_____ because I only had a ⁵c_____ b_____ – a small backpack. After ⁶sc_____ my bag, they opened it and ⁷ch_____ it to make sure I wasn't carrying any ⁸l_____ or ⁹sh_____ ob_____, like scissors. When I finally got my bag back, I looked at the ¹⁰d_____ b_____ to see if my flight was already ¹¹b_____. I shouldn't have worried, because the flight was ¹²d_____. The plane didn't ¹³t_____ o_____ until two hours later. When I eventually arrived in Los Angeles, I was happy to see that my next flight was ¹⁴o_____ t_____. However, just before we were due to ¹⁵b_____, we were informed that the flight had been canceled – apparently, planes couldn't ¹⁶l_____ in San Diego because of fog. In the end, I finished my journey by train, and I arrived in San Diego eight hours late!

e Complete the crossword.



ACROSS →

- 1 the passage between the rows of seats on a plane
- 4 a thing that you fasten around your body to hold you in your seat
- 5 the people whose job it is to take care of passengers on a plane
- 6 a series of sudden and violent changes in the direction that air is moving
- 8 the tired feeling that people often have after a long journey on a plane to a place where the local time is different
- 9 a flight between places within the same country

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- 2 a flight that transports people over long distances, e.g., between two continents
- 3 a flight that goes from one place to another without stopping
- 7 a line of seats on a plane

f Circle a, b, or c.

- 1 I ____ abroad five or six times a year.
a journey **b travel** c trip
- 2 I had a terrible ____ here – the flight was delayed, and then we had a lot of turbulence.
a journey b travel c trip
- 3 Is Hannah back from her ____ to South America?
a journey b travel c trip
- 4 We have to ____ 250 miles if we want to see my grandparents.
a journey b travel c trip
- 5 My sister wants to go on a ____ around the world after she graduates from college.
a journey b travel c trip
- 6 I went on a long train ____ across Canada last year.
a journey b travel c trip

g Complete the phrasal verbs in the questions with a particle from the list.

in off (x3) on out up (x2)

- 1 Who **picked** you up from the airport the last time you traveled?
- 2 When do you usually **check** _____ for a flight?
- 3 Who usually **drops** you _____ at the airport?
- 4 Have you ever **filled** _____ an immigration form? If so, when?
- 5 What's the first thing you do when you **get** _____ a plane?
- 6 Have you ever **picked** _____ the wrong bag at the baggage claim?
- 7 Are you usually in a hurry to **get** _____ the plane? Why / Why not?
- 8 Do you ever feel nervous when a plane **takes** _____?

h Answer the questions in g.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

2 GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT

so / such...that...

Circle the correct word.

- Her suitcase was so / so much / such heavy that she couldn't pick it up.
- We had so / such / such a long delay that we missed our connecting flight.
- There were so / so much / so many people at the airport that there weren't any carts left.
- We flew over so / such / such a beautiful countryside that I took some photos from the plane.
- There was so / so much / so many rain that the road to the airport was flooded.
- We were sitting in so / so much / such narrow seats on the plane that it was very uncomfortable.
- The flight attendant spoke so / so much / such softly that I couldn't hear what she was saying.

3 GRAMMAR narrative tenses, past perfect continuous

a Circle the correct verb form. Check (✓) if both are correct.

- Tim couldn't close his suitcase because he had put / had been putting too many clothes in it.
- She had worked / had been working for the same airline for eight years before she was promoted. ✓
- I was delighted when I found my passport. I had looked / had been looking for it for hours.
- After I had picked up / had been picking up my luggage, I took a taxi to my hotel.
- I had sat / had been sitting in departures for 20 minutes when I saw that my flight was boarding at a different gate.
- They had lived / had been living in Brooklyn before they moved to Boston.
- The passengers were angry because the airline had canceled / had been canceling their flight.
- I was surprised when I was told that my suitcase was too big: I had taken / had been taking it for years without having to pay for it.

b Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

My parents ¹ had never flown (never fly) before, so they were very nervous when we ² _____ (arrive) at Logan Airport to take our flight to Mexico. It ³ _____ (rain), so I ⁴ _____ (leave) them at the terminal building with instructions to get in line at the check-in desk while I ⁵ _____ (go) to park my car in the long-term parking lot. However, when I ⁶ _____ (get) to the check-in desk myself, they were nowhere in sight. I ⁷ _____ (look) for them everywhere until it suddenly occurred to me that it was possible they ⁸ _____ (already / check in) and they ⁹ _____ (wait) for me in the departure lounge. This was a real problem for me because I ¹⁰ _____ (give) my passport to my mother, so I couldn't check in. I ¹¹ _____ (call) my parents on their cell phone and, fortunately, my mother answered. They ¹² _____ (already / go) through to the departure lounge, and they ¹³ _____ (wait) for me for almost half an hour at the gate. Apparently, my mom ¹⁴ _____ (read) her book and my dad ¹⁵ _____ (do) a crossword. After we hung up, my mom found an understanding staff member who met me at the information desk with my passport!

c Write a paragraph about an air travel experience you have had. Use several different narrative tenses.

4 PRONUNCIATION irregular past forms, sentence rhythm

a Write the simple past of the verbs in the list next to the simple past verb that has the same pronunciation of the vowel sound.

catch cut fly meet pay say sing stand tell wake

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| 1 bought | <u>caught</u> | 6 spoke | _____ |
| 2 rang | _____ | 7 sold | _____ |
| 3 made | _____ | 8 knew | _____ |
| 4 let | _____ | 9 could | _____ |
| 5 shut | _____ | 10 read | _____ |

b 3.1 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the simple past forms.

c 3.2 Listen and fill in the blanks in the anecdote.

We were on a ¹ flight to Tokyo, and we'd been ² _____ for about ³ _____ hours. I was listening to ⁴ _____, and my ⁵ _____ was sleeping, when ⁶ _____ we heard a very loud ⁷ _____. It ⁸ _____ as if an engine had exploded. The ⁹ _____ didn't tell us what had ¹⁰ _____ until half an hour later.

d 3.2 Listen again and practice reading the anecdote aloud with the right rhythm.