

Travelling

By plane

Exercise 1

Listen to the recording and answer these questions.

[Nahravka-Airplane-Travel-From-Plane-Reservations-to-Sightseeing-Desti-adv.mp3](#)

1. Which factors influence the choice of an airline carrier? Name two.
2. Which items are prohibited on board?
3. Which place one goes to after passing through the checkpoint?
4. For what purpose are oxygen masks needed?

Vocabulary

to cope with – to face and deal with responsibilities, problems, or difficulties, especially successfully or in a calm or adequate manner

to ensure – a to secure or guarantee, to make sure or certain.

to purchase – to buy

a firearm - a weapon, as a rifle or pistol

designated – specified, selected

exciting – interesting, stimulating, arousing interest

Exercise 2

Play the recording again while reading the transcript in the Answers section.

Exercise 3

Listen to the recording and complete the text.

[Nahravka-Airport-adv.mp3](#)

Interviewer: Can you tell me some of the frustrations you've experienced at different airports . . . uh?

Woman: Well, I know the last time I flew . . . um . . . I think the most frustrating part was the long security lines because it's a really crowded airport, and it just took forever to get through the line, and I didn't . . . you know . . . I mean it's just _____.

Interviewer: Well, are these some things that the airport can handle, or is it something that passengers can do to . . . you know . . . _____ these issues?

Woman: Well . . . um . . . I think there's . . . uh . . . that airport is really _____. It has a problem because they just don't have the space to build more facilities. They need . . . you know . . . and they've talked about that. They _____ that it's a real problem. I know for us the last time we flew, my husband . . . um . . . he got delayed at work, and so we were really pressed for time, and so it was pretty stressful making sure we got through in time. The airport needs to somehow come up with the funds to _____ so that they have room to make additional lines to get through _____. And as passengers, you just need to get there really early because once in a while, the lines aren't bad, but sometimes they're really bad, and you never know what you can expect, so you just have to get there early.

Vocabulary

crowded – filled with many people

a facility – something designed, built, or installed to serve a specific function affording a convenience or service (such as a building, a toilet, etc.)

to come up with (the funds) – to produce, to supply (the money)

to acknowledge – to admit to be real, true

Review

Are these comments similar or different to your experience? Practise answering with the following sentences -

- It's similar to my experience. When ...
- It's very different from my experience. When...

By bus/train

Vocabulary

paying in advance – paying ahead of time, beforehand

boarding a bus – getting on a bus/plane/ship; the opposite – getting off a bus

first-come, first-serve basis – the first people to arrive will be able to get the best choices, they will be served first

a single ticket (British Eng.) – a one-way ticket (American Eng.)

a return ticket in (BE) – a round-trip ticket in (AE)

peak time – at the most busy time; the opposite – off-peak time

to be en route – to be on the way

to retrieve – to get something back

Exercise 4

Read the article and complete the text using the phrases in the box.

Part 1

Charlestown	departure	getting	in advance
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Samantha: Good morning. I had a few questions about buying a bus ticket. Do I need to buy it _____ ?

Agent: You can, but it's not necessary. You just need to arrive at the terminal at least an hour before the scheduled _____ time to buy your ticket. Boarding begins about 15 to 30 minutes before departure.

Samantha: Can I reserve a seat?

Agent: No, seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. I recommend _____ there early during peak times, but getting a good seat isn't usually a problem with the night service buses.

Samantha: I want to go from _____ to Myrtle Beach.

Agent: Would you like to purchase a single ticket or a return ticket?

Samantha: I'm considering buying a single ticket.

Part 2

have a safe trip

en route

luggage

rest stops

Samantha: By the way, do you know how many stops the bus will be making?

Agent: I think that bus makes six stops to pick up passengers _____, but you can check the schedule to be sure. That doesn't include _____ and meal stops. If you want to make fewer stops, you can buy a ticket for one of our express buses.

Samantha: How many bags can I bring on board? I'll have two big pieces of _____.

Agent: You're allowed two bags. The handler can help you load them upon boarding, but you're responsible for retrieving them when you get off. Can I help you with anything else?

Samantha: No, thanks.

Agent: Thank you for calling and _____.

Notice!

I recommend + getting / buying / purchasing / reading

I suggest + travelling / going to / working for / watching

(or)

I recommend (that) + you get / you buy / you purchase / you read

I suggest (that) + you travel / you go to / you work for / you watch

Review

What do you recommend we read when on holiday?

What do you recommend visiting in Slovakia?

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Answers:

Exercise 1

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1. company's service record, price of the ticket, length of time to destination, in-flight service
2. firearms, explosives, knives
3. the designated boarding area [or] the designated gate
4. in case the plane's cabin loses pressure

Transcript

If you're planning to travel overseas, the most common form of transportation is by airplane. Knowing the entire procedure from purchasing plane tickets to coping with in-flight emergencies can ensure that you have a pleasurable trip.

First all of, choosing an airline carrier might depend on a number of factors including the company's service record, price of the ticket, length of time to destination, and even in-flight service.

Now, once you've purchased your ticket, you still need to make the long journey through the airport.

Once you arrive, you usually check your bags at the main ticket counter. Then, you have to pass through the security checkpoint, where you will have to walk through an X-ray machine, and they will check your carry-on bags for any prohibited items, including firearms, explosives, and knives. Of course, this is for everyone's safety. You might also be asked to open your bags to be manually checked.

Once you pass through this checkpoint, then you will go to the designated boarding area and gate to wait for your plane. Just wait there until they announce your flight.

Of course, once aboard the plane, no one ever wants to experience any emergencies, but the plane is equipped with emergency exits in case you have to leave the plane. There are also life jackets under the seats, and oxygen masks in case the plane's cabin unexpectedly loses pressure. Be sure to read the safety instruction card located in the pocket of the seat in front of you.

Airplane travel can be exciting and knowing what to expect before you go can make this experience even better.

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