

Travelling

„Flying? I've been to almost as many places as my luggage.“

Bob Hope (1903 – 2003), American humourist

A) Answer the following questions with a partner.

- How often do you travel by air, rail, road, and sea?
- Do you enjoy travelling? What don't you enjoy about it?
- Put the following in order of importance when you travel.

comfort	safety	price	reliability	speed
5	3	1	4	2

Does the order of priorities change for different types of travel? If yes, how?

B) Choose the correct words from the box to complete the following list of things which irritate people when flying.

cabin	cancellations	checks	food	jet
luggage	queues	room	seats	trolleys

- not enough leg room
- lost or delayed luggage
- long queues at check-in
- poor quality food and drink
- no baggage trolleys available
- overbooking of seats
- flight delays and cancellations
- tiredness and jet lag
- delays for security checks
- oversized hand luggage in the cabin

C) Which of the things in B) irritate you most? Which irritate you least?

D) Vocabulary Work "Travelling". Match the words with the pictures (continues on back).

1 Plane

Match the words and pictures.

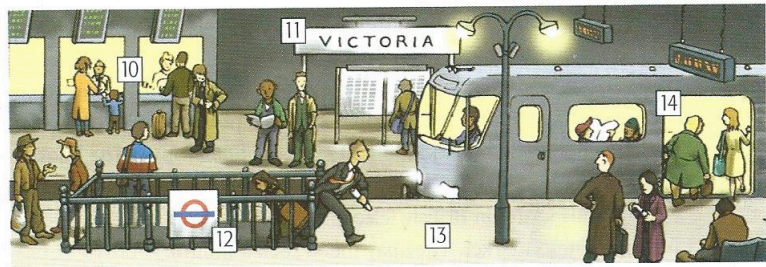
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| 6 land (vb) | 7 take off (vb) |
| 2 check-in desk | 4 gate |
| 8 luggage /'lʌɡɪdʒ/ | 3 (suit)case |
| 5 boarding card/pass | 9 aisle /aɪl/ |
| 1 baggage reclaim | |



2 Train

Match the words and pictures.

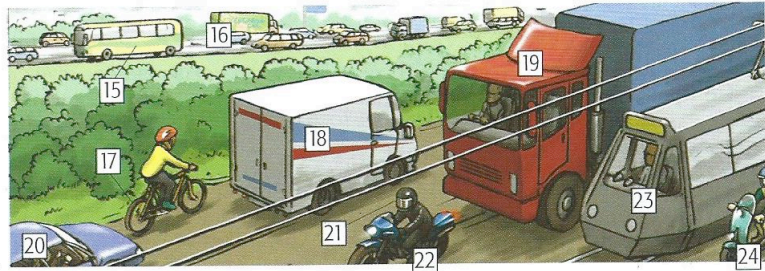
- ☐ railway station
- ☐ platform
- ☐ carriage /'kærɪdʒ/
- ☐ ticket office
- ☐ the underground



3 Road

a Match the words and pictures.

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| 15 coach | 17 bike |
| 19 lorry | 20 car |
| 18 van | 24 scooter |
| 22 motorbike | 23 tram |
| 21 helmet | 16 motorway |



E) Listen to an excerpt by the American comedian Louis C.K., in which he talks about flying. Find out the following:

1. What are people often complaining about?
2. What is his opinion about these people? For what reasons?
3. Have you made similar experiences? Where and what happened?



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A & C)

➔ *speaking exercise; individual answers*

F)

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| 1. not enough leg room | 6. overbooking of seats (flights) |
| 2. lost or delayed luggage | 7. flight delays and cancellations |
| 3. long queues (AmE: lines) at check-in | 8. tiredness and jet lag |
| 4. poor quality food and drink | 9. delays for security checks |
| 5. no baggage trolleys available | 10. oversized hand luggage in the cabin |

D)

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| 1. baggage reclaim (usually called "belt" at airports) | 13. platform |
| 2. check-in desk | 14. carriage (= Wagen) |
| 3. (suit)case | 15. coach |
| 4. gate | 16. motorway |
| 5. boarding card/pass | 17. bike |
| 6. to land | 18. van |
| 7. to take off | 19. lorry (AmE: truck) |
| 8. luggage | 20. car |
| 9. aisle | 21. helmet |
| | 22. motorbike |
| 10. ticket office | 23. tram |
| 11. railway station | 24. scooter |
| 12. the underground | |