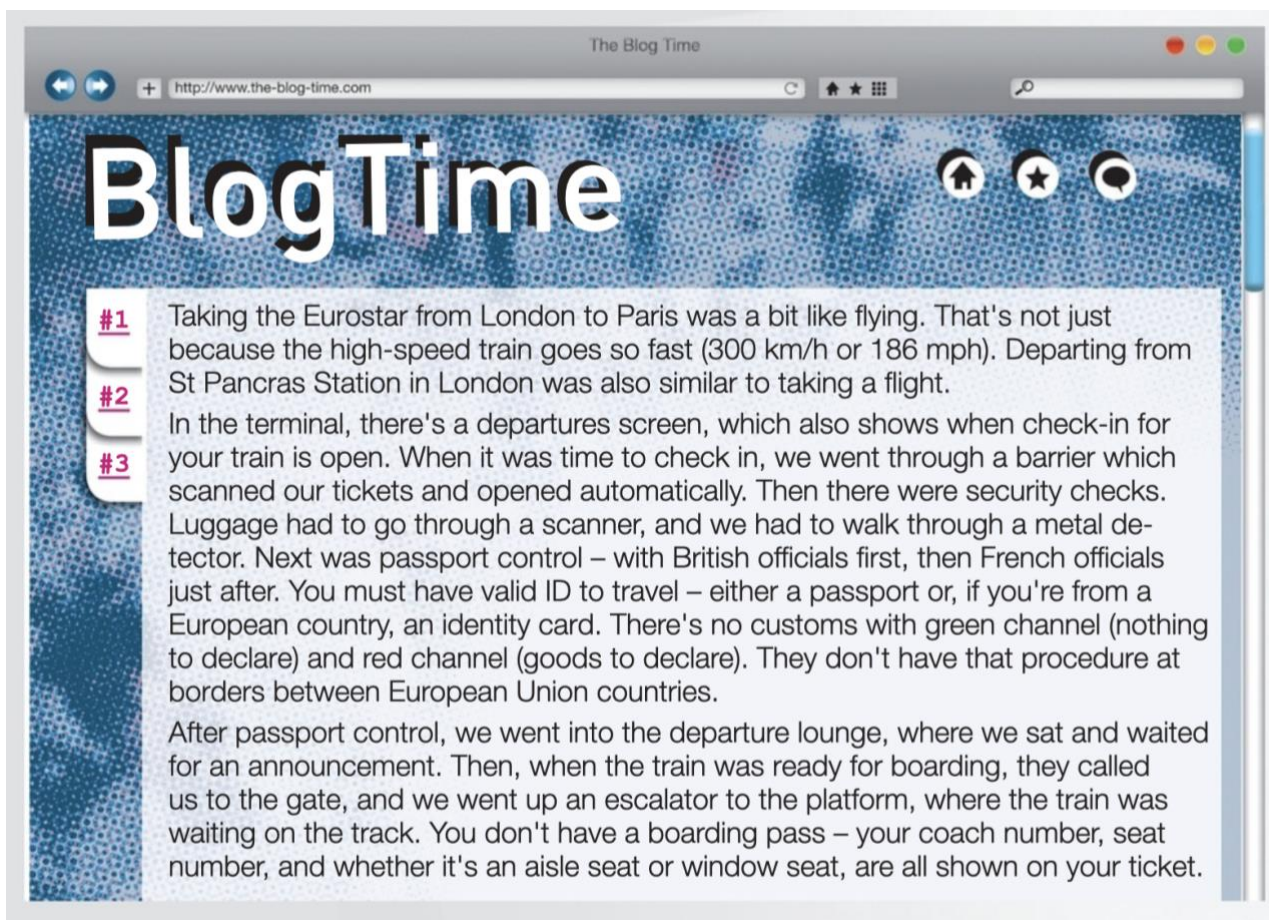


Vocabulary

Departure	Boarding pass	Passport
Arrivals	window seat	Passport control
Check in desk	Aisle seat	Red Channel
Check-in	Gate-Example gate 15 B	Goods to declare
Baggage/luggage	Platform/track	Green channel
Security	Transit area	Nothing to declare
Metal detector	In transit	

Reading 6.1



BlogTime

#1 Taking the Eurostar from London to Paris was a bit like flying. That's not just because the high-speed train goes so fast (300 km/h or 186 mph). Departing from St Pancras Station in London was also similar to taking a flight.

#2 In the terminal, there's a departures screen, which also shows when check-in for your train is open. When it was time to check in, we went through a barrier which scanned our tickets and opened automatically. Then there were security checks. Luggage had to go through a scanner, and we had to walk through a metal detector. Next was passport control – with British officials first, then French officials just after. You must have valid ID to travel – either a passport or, if you're from a European country, an identity card. There's no customs with green channel (nothing to declare) and red channel (goods to declare). They don't have that procedure at borders between European Union countries.

#3 After passport control, we went into the departure lounge, where we sat and waited for an announcement. Then, when the train was ready for boarding, they called us to the gate, and we went up an escalator to the platform, where the train was waiting on the track. You don't have a boarding pass – your coach number, seat number, and whether it's an aisle seat or window seat, are all shown on your ticket.

6.1 Follow-up

Look at 1–7, below, and read the email in Reading 6.1. Are the sentences true or false?

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|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Checking in for the Eurostar is like checking in at an airport. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 2 To check in, you show your ticket to somebody. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 3 You have to carry your luggage through a metal detector. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 4 At the station, your passport or identity card is checked twice. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 5 After passport control, you go through the green or red channel. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 6 To get on your train, you have to walk under the departure lounge. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 7 On the train, the seats have numbers. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |

Practice Exercise 1



Match the columns according to the numbers in the picture	
1	Check in desk
2	Metal detector
3	Hand-held scanner
4	Check-in luggage
5	Luggage scanner

Practice Exercise 2



Match the columns according to the numbers in the picture	
1	Middle seat
2	Aisle Seat
3	Window seat
4	Boarding Pass
5	Overhead bins
6	Aisle
7	Carry-on baggage

Practice Exercise 3

Use common airport words to answer the questions below.

- 1 Flights that are arriving are called "arrivals". What do we call flights that are leaving?
- 2 What's another word often used to mean "luggage"?
- 3 What do we call luggage that passengers carry with them on a plane?
- 4 What do we call the place at an airport where people have to show their passports?
- 5 On planes, what do we call seats that are not next to a window?
- 6 What do we call the place at an airport where you choose to go through the red or green channel?
- 7 What word is used to describe checks on passengers and luggage to make sure they're not carrying anything dangerous?
- 8 What word is used to describe the places, which have names with numbers and letters, where passengers get on planes?

Practice Exercise 4

Fill in the missing words in this article about one of the world's most famous railway lines

TRAVELING WITHOUT MOVING: TAKE A VIRTUAL RIDE FROM MOSCOW TO VLADIVOSTOK

The Trans-Siberian is one of the world's famous railroads. To make the 9,289-kilometer (5,772-mile) trip across Russia, you normally have to spend almost seven days on the

1 *t* . However, you can now enjoy the view from a 2 *w*

3 *s* for the full Trans-Siberian trip, from Moscow to Vladivostok, without paying a 4 *f* .

In fact, you don't even need to leave home. The trip is possible, thanks to a joint project by Russian Railways and Google. A video of the whole route, filmed from the window of one of the train's 5 *c* , is available on Google Maps (search for "Trans-Siberian Railway Google"). The video is in sections, with a moving map that shows where each section is. This allows you to choose different points of 6 *d* to begin parts of the trip. And, as you look out of your virtual window, you can listen to different soundtracks: the train's wheels rumbling along the 7 *t* , Russian radio, or even a Russian reading of the novel *War and Peace*.



ANSWERS

Follow up 6.1

1. T
2. F
3. F
4. T
5. F
6. F
7. T

Practice Exercise 1

1. Hand-held scanner
2. Luggage, scanner, or baggage scanner
3. Metal detector
4. Checked in baggage
5. Check-in counter/ check-in desk/check-in

Practice Exercise 2

1. Boarding pass
2. Aisle
3. Window seat
4. Middle seat
5. Aisle seat
6. Overhead bin
7. Carry-on luggage

Practice Exercise 3

1. Departures
2. Baggage
3. Hand luggage/ Carry-on luggage
4. Passport control
5. Aisle seat
6. Customs
7. Security
8. Gate

Practice Exercise 4

1. train
2. window
3. seat
4. fare
5. coaches
6. departure
7. track