

# air·port S3 W3

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**noun** [countable]

a place where planes take off and land, with buildings for passengers to wait in → **airfield**:

*The plane landed at Heathrow Airport.*

*Her family went to see her off at the airport.*

## THESAURUS

**terminal** a big building where people wait to get onto planes:  
*The airline uses terminal 4. | Smoking is prohibited inside the terminal building.*

**runway** a long hard surface on which aircraft land and take off:  
*The plane was taxiing along the runway.*

**the tarmac** an area covered with tarmac outside airport buildings: *He stepped off the plane onto the tarmac.*

**check-in (desk)** a place where you report your arrival at an airport

**departure lounge** the place where you wait until your plane is ready to leave

**departure gate** the place you go through to get on your plane: *Will passengers for flight BA670 please go to the departure gate.*

**baggage reclaim (also **baggage claim**) (AmE)** the place where you collect your cases and bags after a flight

**immigration** the place where officials check the documents of everyone entering the country: *Be prepared for long queues at immigration.*

**customs** the place where your bags are checked for illegal

goods when you enter a country: *We had our bags checked at customs.*

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