

READING

Going on a trip

LEVEL

Elementary (A2)

NUMBER

EN_A2_2034R

LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can understand a text about travelling.
- I can talk about travel experiences of my own.



Warm-up





Read the sentences



Which **airport** are you flying from?

What time is your **flight** tomorrow?





Read the sentences



You'll receive your **boarding pass** when you **check in**.

There's always a long queue at **security**.



I usually buy a few things at the **duty free** shops.

Have you ever flown in **first class** before?



Reading

It's Friday afternoon and Steve is sitting on the train to the airport. With him, he has his small suitcase, headphones, phone and, of course, his passport!

Monday is a bank holiday in the U.K, so he has decided to make the most of the long weekend and go on a short trip with Tom. They found cheap flights to Las Vegas and booked them straight away.

Steve has been to the USA before, but he's never been to Las Vegas. He has only been to Seattle and New York.





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His phone rings.

"Hey Steve. Where are you? I'm at the airport now," says Tom.

"I'm still on the train, mate! I'll be there in about ten minutes. Where should we meet?" asks Steve.

"At the check-in desk. We still need to check in," replies Tom.

"OK! See you in a bit. Sorry for being late!" says Steve.

"No worries, mate! See you soon!"





**Hey Steve.
Where are you?**

**I'm still on
the train, *mate*!**

Mate is an informal way of referring to a friend. It's commonly used in British and Australian English.



True or false?

		True	False
1	Steve is on his way to the airport.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	He's got a big backpack with him.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Steve has been to Las Vegas before.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	He's travelling to Las Vegas with another person.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Steve checked in for his flight at home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Match the words with the pictures

1



2



3



4



5



6



a suitcase

b check-in desk

c phone

d headphones

e airport

f flight

What do you always pack in your suitcase?

Ask a classmate. **Swap** roles.



- I always take my...
- I cannot leave without...
- For a summer holiday, I take...
- For a winter holiday, I take...



About you

Have you ever been to the USA before?



If not, would you like to go there one day?

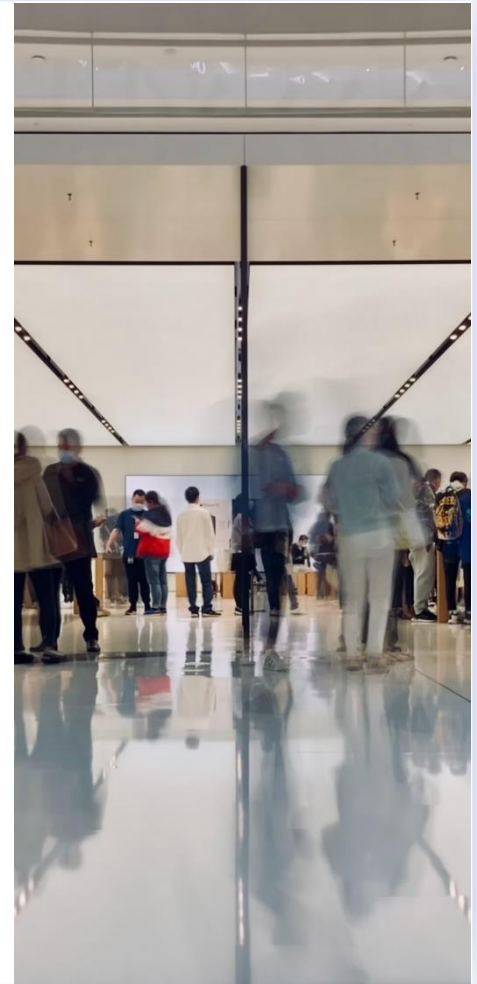


Reading

Steve is always late, but thankfully he's never missed a flight before. Twenty minutes later, the train pulls into the airport and Steve heads to the terminal to find Tom.

He sees Tom waiting for him by the check-in desk. There's a queue of people there, waiting to check in. Steve's glad he's not that late; they still have time to get their boarding passes and go through security.

After a long wait, they make it to the front of the queue.





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“Do you have any baggage to check in?” asks the man at the desk.

“No, just hand luggage,” replies Tom.

The attendant nods and hands them their boarding passes.

“There has been a change to your tickets. We’ve upgraded you to first class,” he says.

Tom and Steve give each other a high five. They’ve never been in first class before. Those tickets are always far too expensive.





Choose the correct option

1 Steve has _____ a flight before.

a. missed

b. never missed

2 Steve and Tom meet at the _____.

a. check-in desk

b. duty free

3 There is a _____ queue to check in.

a. short

b. long

4 Steve and Tom don't have any _____.

a. checked baggage

b. hand luggage

5 They have _____ in first class before.

a. never flown

b. flown



How do you prefer to travel?

With just a backpack

With a small suitcase
that I take in the cabin

With a small suitcase in
the cabin and a larger
suitcase that I check in

With lots of checked
suitcases! I need
everything with me!

Read the statement

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**Steve is always late, but
thankfully he's never missed a
flight before.**

Are you usually late
or on time for
things?

How early do you
arrive at the airport
before a flight?

Have you ever
missed a flight
before?





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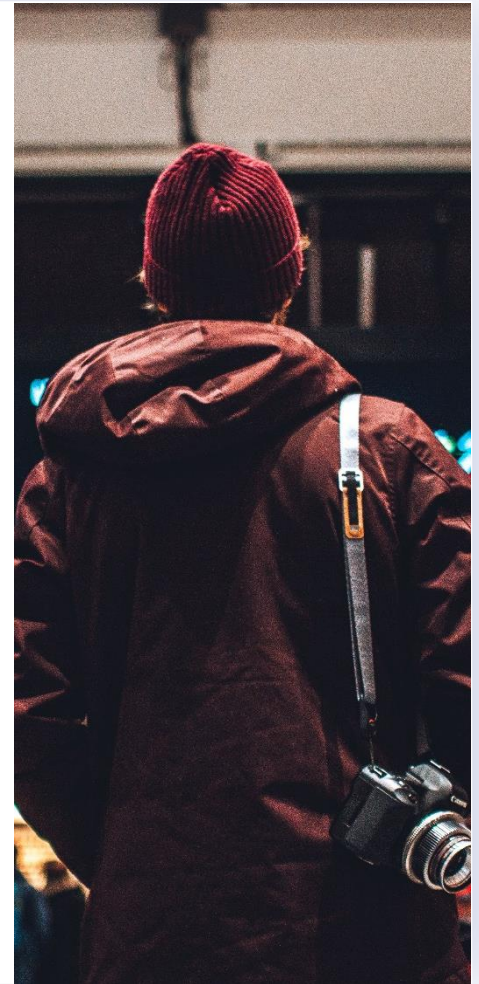
There's another long queue at security. Tom is starting to get impatient.

"I hate waiting for things!" he says.

"It's OK, Tom! Just relax. We've still got plenty of time before our flight," says Steve.

"I know, but I wanted to stop off at duty free to buy some things," replies Tom.

"You can get them on the plane. And hey, we'll be in first class!" says Steve.





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“You’re right. I can’t wait to fly first class!” says Tom.

Getting through security takes a long time and there’s no time left for them to visit the duty-free shop. They rush to find their gate.

They get to their gate just in time and board the plane. Steve sits down. The flight attendant greets them and offers him a glass of champagne.

Their trip to Vegas is off to a great start!





Practise pronouncing these words

impatient

security

duty free

flight attendant



What about you?

Read the quotes. **Answer** the questions.



Tom

I hate waiting for things!

It's OK, Tom! Just relax. We've still got plenty of time!



Steve

Who are you similar to?
Tom or Steve?

When you travel, do you
feel anxious or excited?

Have you ever had a
stressful travel experience?



**What can you
buy at duty free
at the airport?**

Share your ideas!





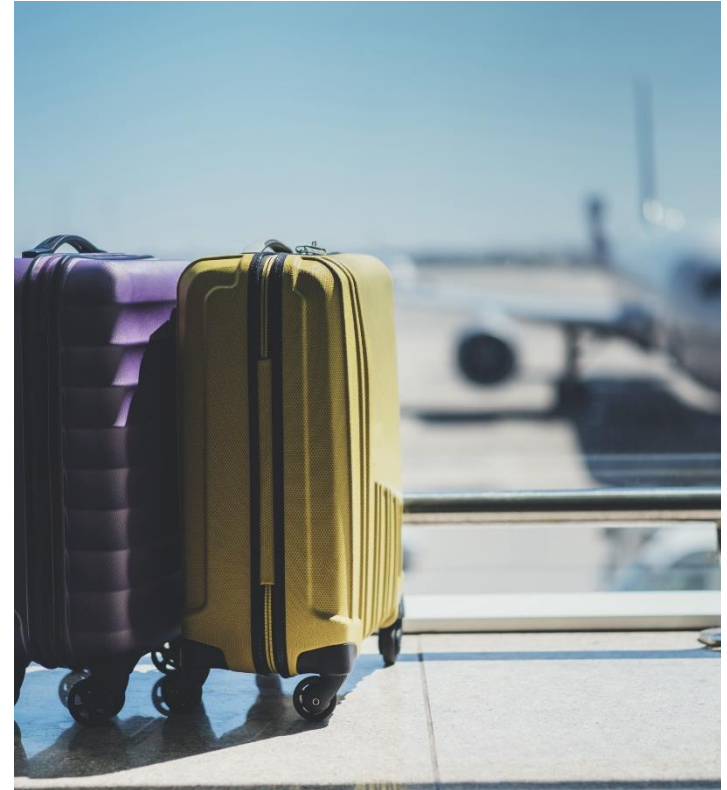
Interview a classmate

In **breakout rooms** or as a **class**.

1 What's the best trip you've ever been on?

2 Who did you travel with?

3 What did you see and do there?



After the breakout room:

Summarise your partner's story



End of the lesson

Idiom

in the nick of time

Meaning: at the very last moment

Example: We got to the airport late and caught our flight just **in the nick of time**.



Additional practice



Write in the present perfect

1 Steve _____ (go) on holiday to the USA.



Steve **has gone** on holiday to the USA.

2 I _____ (visit) New York before.



3 She _____ (see, never) a concert at the Hollywood Bowl.



4 My parents _____ (return) from their trip.



5 We _____ (travel) to many different countries.



6 _____ ever _____ (be, you) abroad before?





About you

**How many countries
have you visited?**



**Which one was your
favourite? Why?**



How to have a stress-free trip

Write a list of 5 travel tips.





Answer key

- P. 9:** 1. T, 2. F, 3. F, 4. T, 5. F
- P. 10:** 1. d, 2. e, 3. a, 4. b, 5. f, 6. c
- P. 15:** 1. b, 2. a, 3. b, 4. a, 5. a
- P. 27:** 2. have visited
3. has never seen
4. have returned
5. have travelled
6. Have you ever been



Summary

Going on a trip

- *airport; flight; to check in; boarding gate; security*
- *duty free; first class; boarding gate*

Talking about travel experiences

- *I always take my...; I cannot leave without...;*
- *a summer holiday; a winter holiday*



Vocabulary

airport

flight

to check in

boarding pass

security

duty free

first class

boarding gate

