

Daily Life - At The Airport (C0089)

A: Next please! Hello sir, may I see your passport please?

B: Yes, here you go.

A: Will you be checking any bags.

B: Yes, I'd like to check three pieces.

A: I'm sorry, sir. Airline policy allows only two pieces of checked luggage, at twenty kilograms each, plus one piece of carry-on luggage. I will have to charge you extra for the additional suitcase.

B: What? Why! I am taking an intercontinental flight! I'm flying sixteen thousand kms! How am I supposed to only take two, twenty kilo bags? That's absurd!

A: I am sorry, sir, there's nothing I can do. You cannot board the flight with that large bag either. Carry-on bags must fit in the over-head compartment or under your seat. That bag is clearly too big.

B: Now I see. You charge next to nothing for an international ticket, but when it comes to charging for any other small thing, you charge an arm and a leg! So tell me, miss, how much will I have to pay for all of this.

A: Let's see... six hundred and twenty-five US dollars.

B: That's more than my round-trip ticket!

Key Vocabulary

next to nothing *phrase* very cheap, inexpensive

board *verb* get on the plane

intercontinental	<i>Adjective</i>	between continents
carry-on luggage	<i>common noun, non-variable</i>	the bags that one can carry onto the plane
piece	<i>common noun, plural</i>	piece of luggage; one bag
check	<i>verb</i>	register bags with the airline and give them to be put on the plane
passport	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a document showing the identity of someone when outside his country
an arm and a leg	<i>phrase</i>	phrase used to indicate that something is very expensive

Supplementary Vocabulary

metal detector	<i>common noun, singular</i>	A device that senses the presence of metal
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boarding pass	<i>common noun, singular</i>	A pass that authorizes a passenger to get on an airplane
scale	<i>common noun, singular</i>	An instrument or machine for weighing
layover	<i>common noun, singular</i>	A short stop or break in a journey, usually imposed by scheduling requirements
round trip	<i>common noun, singular</i>	A trip from one place to another and back, usually over the same route