

## Unit Six

# Going on a Trip



After we have studied this unit, we will be able to

- listen for information
- listen to and follow announcements
- read and understand texts
- ask and answer questions
- write answers to questions
- write the main ideas

## Lesson 1: At the Airport

**Key words:** lounge immigration

**A Look at the picture and talk about it.**



- 1 What do you see?
- 2 Can you guess where it could be?
- 3 Who are the people in the picture?
- 4 What could be their relationship?

**B Now read the text and find out if your guesses are correct.**

Zara lives with her parents in London. They have come to Bangladesh to visit Zara's aunt and uncle. She is very close to her cousin Mita. Both the families have visited many interesting places together in Bangladesh. It was great fun. Then they decided that they would visit some places outside Bangladesh too. They decided to go to Thailand. But Mita's parents were too busy with their work, so they could not go. However, Mita was going with them.

Mita, Zara and her parents are at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. They are waiting in the lounge. Mita is very excited. This is the first time that she is travelling on a plane. They are flying by Bangladesh Biman. Mita is hoping to have a great time in Thailand.

As they wait, the two cousins start planning what they would do once they reach Bangkok. Mita's uncle brings forms for all of them to fill in before going

through the immigration. He gives one to Mita and says, "You have to give some information about yourself in the form. The immigration officer will check your passport and stamp it. And then you are ready to travel." Mita, Zara and her parents start filling in the forms.

**C Read the text again and answer the following questions.**


- 1 Why is Mita excited?
- 2 Why aren't Mita's parents going with her?
- 3 What does an immigration officer do at the airport?

**D Write a short composition about your experience of travelling to another place. It could be going to your grandparents'/aunt's/sister's/brother's house. Write about your preparation before traveling, your experience of the way, e.g. launch terminal, railway/bus station, airport, etc.**

## Lesson 2: Filling in a form

**Key words:** expire renew visa valid

**A Read the card and discuss in pairs.**



গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার  
Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
(বহির্গমন কার্ড/Departure Card)

1. নাম ..... Name		3. জন্ম তারিখ ..... Date of Birth	
2. লেঙ্গ Sex <input type="checkbox"/> পুরুষ Male <input type="checkbox"/> মহিলা Female		Day Month Year	
4. জাতীয়তা ..... Nationality		Day Month Year	
5. পাসপোর্ট নম্বর ..... Passport Number		6. মোকদ্দম উত্তীর্ণের তারিখ ..... Date of Expiry	
7. ফ্লাইট নম্বর ..... Flight Number		8. প্রস্থানের তারিখ ..... Date of Departure	
9. বাংলাদেশে অবস্থানকারী ঠিকানা (বিদেশী নাগরিকের জন্য) Address in Bangladesh (For Foreigners)		Day Month Year	
10. বাংলাদেশের নাগরিকের জন্য For Bangladesh Nationals			
a. ভিসা নম্বর ..... Visa Number		b. মোকদ্দম উত্তীর্ণের তারিখ ..... Date of Expiry	
c. ভিসার প্রকার ..... Type of Visa		d. ভ্রমণের উদ্দেশ্য ..... Purpose of Visit	
		Day Month Year	
স্বাক্ষর Passenger's Signature			
তারিখ: Day Month Year Date			

**B Now, read the text about Mita, and fill in the departure card in section A on her behalf.**

Mita's full name is Mita Sultana Ahmed. She was born on 6 May 1998. She got her passport on June 09, 2010. It is a five-year passport. It will expire on 8 June 2015. After that she has to renew her passport. Her passport number is AB 9842251. She is going to Thailand by Bangladesh Biman, flight number BG 88 on 14 July 2012.

Mita got her visa from the Royal Thai Embassy in Dhaka. Her visa number is T 9115138. The visa was issued in Dhaka on 29 June 2012. The visa is valid for three months. It will expire on September 27, 2012. It is a tourist visa. If you are travelling on a tourist visa, you are not allowed to study or work there.

**C Imagine you are travelling to a foreign country. Copy the form in A and fill in with your own information. If you have a passport, use information from it. If you do not have a passport, make your imaginary passport with visa number and expiry date, passport number, date of travel, etc.**

**D Work in pairs. If you have a passport, tell your partner when you got it and which country/countries you have already visited. If you do not have a passport, would you like to have one? Why?**

## Lesson 3: Going Through Immigration

**Key words :** departure booth counter scan machine readable

**A Look at the pictures and discuss in pairs.**

1



2





- 1 Why does a person need a passport?
- 2 What are those booths for?
- 3 Why are people standing in a line in front of them?
- 4 What are the persons doing inside the booth?

**B Read the text and answer the questions.**

Zara's parents Mrs Jhuma Islam, Mr Mazharul Islam, Zara and Mita, fill in their departure cards and move towards the immigration counter. Mita stands in front of one of the booths. She hands in her passport and the departure card to the officer.

The immigration officer goes through Mita's passport, visa and the departure card. "Are you travelling alone?" asks the officer. "No. I'm going with my aunt, uncle and cousin," says Mita.

"They are right there on that counter."

"Is this your first visit to Thailand?"

"Yes."

"How long are you going to stay there?"

"Seven to ten days."

"Where are you going to stay?"

"In a hotel."

The officer is talking as well as going through Mita's papers. He finds the papers OK. He smiles and stamps her passport. The officer keeps the departure card, and returns the passport to Mita.

"Have a safe journey."

"Thanks."

Mita waits for her aunt, uncle and Zara on the other side of the immigration. Once all of them are done, they walk towards the passengers' departure lounge.

**C Make a list in the following grid showing what the immigration officer asks and tells Mita, and what Mita says in response. One is done for you.**

Immigration officer	Mita
1 Are you travelling alone?	1 No. I'm travelling with my aunt, uncle and cousin.
2	
3	2
•	3
•	•
	•

**D** Now work in pairs and act out the role of Mita and the immigration officer.

**E** What are the three things needed at immigration?

## Lesson 4: Boarding the Plane

**Key words:** seize enclosed formality gel

**A** Read the text and answer the following questions.

Mita, Zara, Mr and Mrs Islam all sit at the lounge. They all have hand luggage with them. Mr Islam asks, "Mita, Zara, are you two carrying any liquid, lotion, gel or cream in your carry-on luggage?" "I have a small lip gel in it. Why Uncle?" "Well, if it is a very small one, there is no problem. But if you've more than 100 ml, you have to put it in the checked-in luggage. These are not allowed on board in hand luggage. For security reasons, the officials who do the baggage checking will seize and throw them away". Mita, Zara, Jhuma Islam and Mazharul Islam go through the security checking and wait in the enclosed area. All the formalities are done. Now they are waiting to board the plane.

Mita, Zara and her parents board the plane after their row number is announced. Mita gets a window seat. Her seat number is F23 C. Zara sits beside her on an aisle seat and her parents sit behind them.

### Questions

- 1 Who had a small lip gel in the hand luggage?
- 2 How much liquid or gel is allowed to carry in hand luggage?

- 3 Why are liquid, gel and cream not allowed on board a plane?
- 4 Which row is Mita sitting in?

**B Listen to the teacher/CD and complete the chart. First one is done for you.**

**U1, L4 B**  
**Listening text: 3**

Announcement	Information
1. Destination	1. Bangkok
2 Name of the Airways	2.
3 Flight no.	3.
4 Row numbers of passengers called first to board	4.
5 Rows called for boarding last	5.
6 Final call for boarding	6.

## Lesson 5: Announcements on Board (1)

**Key words:** lavatory cruising altitude descend schedule destination

**A Look at the picture and talk about it.**



**B Read the announcement carefully and fill in the blanks below.**

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome on board Flight BG88 to Bangkok. We are currently third in line for take-off and are expected to be in the air in approximately seven minutes. Please fasten your seat belt and secure all baggage under your seat or in the overhead compartments. Keep your seats and table trays in upright position for take-off. Please turn off all personal electronic devices, including laptops and cellphones. This is a non-smoking flight. Smoking in the lavatory is prohibited. Thank you for choosing Bangladesh Biman. Enjoy your flight.

- 1 The plane is \_\_\_\_\_ in line to take off.
- 2 The passengers are requested to fasten their \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 All baggage to be kept \_\_\_\_\_ the seat or in the \_\_\_\_\_ compartments.
- 4 The seats are to be in \_\_\_\_\_ position.
- 5 All personal \_\_\_\_\_ devices are to be turned off.
- 6 It is a \_\_\_\_\_ flight.

**C Read the questions carefully. Then read the following announcement on board flight BG 88 and answer the questions in short.**

- 1 Who is speaking?
- 2 What is the airspeed of the plane per hour?
- 3 What's the time mentioned in the announcement?
- 4 How is the weather?
- 5 What's the temperature in Bangkok mentioned in the announcement?
- 6 Who will serve snacks and drinks?



Good afternoon passengers. This is your captain Rashid Akbar speaking. First I'd like to welcome everyone on Flight BG 88. We are currently cruising at an altitude of 10058.40 feet at airspeed of 643.7376 km per hour. The time is 1:25 pm. The weather looks good and with the tailwind on our side we are expecting to land in Bangkok approximately fifteen minutes ahead of schedule. The weather in Bangkok is clear and sunny. The temperature is 32 degree Celsius for this afternoon. If the weather is good we should get a great view of the city as we descend. The cabin crew will be coming around in about twenty minute's time to offer you a light snack and drinks. The inflight movie will begin shortly after that. I'll talk to you again before we reach our destination. Until then, sit back, and enjoy the flight.

## Lesson 6: Announcements on Board (2)

**Key words:** exit locate monitored assistance secure assume bracing-position pouch firmly turbulence

**A Look at the picture and talk about what the cabin crew is doing and why she is doing so.**



**B Listen to the teacher/CD and answer the questions.**

U1, L6 B  
Listening text: 4

- 1 What is the announcement about?
- 2 How many times has the word 'belt' been said in the announcement?
- 3 What will you do to fasten your seat belt?
- 4 What will you do to unfasten your seat belt?

**C Read the text silently and do the exercises given in section D & E.**

Oxygen and the air pressure are always being monitored. In the event of a lack of oxygen, an oxygen mask will automatically appear in front of you. Pull the mask towards you and place it firmly over your nose and mouth. Secure the elastic band behind your head, and breathe normally. If you are travelling with a child or someone who requires assistance, secure your mask first, and then assist the other person. Keep your mask on until a uniformed crew member advises you to remove it.

In the event of an emergency, please assume the bracing position. That is, lean forward with your hands on top of your head and your elbows against your thighs. Ensure your feet are flat on the floor.

A life vest is located in a pouch under your seat or between the armrests. When instructed to do so, open the plastic pouch and remove the vest. Slip it over your head. Pass the straps around your waist and adjust at the front. To inflate the vest, pull firmly on the red cord, before you leave the aircraft. We remind you that this is a nonsmoking flight.

You will find this and all the other safety information in the card located in the seat pocket in front of you. We strongly suggest you read it before takeoff. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of our crew members. We wish you all an enjoyable flight.

*(Adapted from: English club.com, airodyssey.net)*

**D Read the announcement again and match the sentence parts in A with those in B in the following table. Then write the sentences in your exercise book.**

A	B
1 Oxygen and air pressure 2 If you are travelling with a child 3 Life vests are placed 4 The whistle and light 5 The card with other safety information	a) under the seat or between the armrests. b) are used to draw attention. c) is kept in the seat pocket. d) put the mask on your nose and mouth first and then help the child. e) are always monitored.

**E Choose the best answer.**

- There are more than two emergency exits in the aircraft. Here 'exits' means
  - doors
  - departures
  - windows
  - seats
- In the announcement, the cabin crew asked each passenger to ----- their life vest.
  - trace
  - take
  - find
  - uncover
- During emergency, the passengers are requested to assume the bracing position. Here, 'assume' means-
  - take on
  - suppose
  - shoulder
  - change

4 The cabin crew with their nice behaviour made all the passengers feel safe and ..... when the plane was bumping.

- a) worried
- b) fixed
- c) happy

## Lesson 7: Reaching Bangkok

**Key words:** derived parallel cargo capacity

**A Look at the picture and talk about it.**



- 1 What do you see in the picture?
- 2 What could be this place?
- 3 How do you know?



**B Read the text and complete the chart.**

The plane landed at Suvarnabhumi Airport at 4:55 p.m. The name ‘Suvarnabhumi’ is pronounced as “su-wan-na-poom”. The name is derived from Sanskrit, which means golden land. The name was chosen by King Bhumibol Adulyadie.

The airport is located in Racha Thewa in the Bang Phli district of Samut Prakan province, 30 kilometres east of Bangkok.

The airport has two parallel runways. Both of them are 60 metre wide. One of the runways is 4000 metres long and the other is 3,700 metres. It can handle 76 flight operations per hour. It can handle 45 million passengers and 3 million tonnes of cargo per year.

The airport passenger terminal is 563,000 square metres that is, 6,060,000 square feet. It is the fourth biggest passenger terminal building in the world. The airport is going through phase 2. It will raise its capacity to handle 65 million passengers per year. The airport has two 5-storey car park buildings. The buildings can house 5000 cars.

Bangkok Airport	Information
1 name 2 origin of the name 3 chosen by 4 meaning 5 distance from Bangkok 6 runway 7 length of runways 8 aircraft control per hour 9 number of passengers 10 cargo handled 11 car parking 12 number of passengers in future	

**C Listen to the teacher/CD and circle the correct information.****U1, L7 C**  
**Listening text: 5****Questions**

Suvarnabhumi Airport has

- 1 checkpoints for arrivals: 130/131/132
- 2 checkpoints for departures : 70/71/72
- 3 custom control checkpoints for arrivals: 25/26/27
- 4 custom control checkpoints for departures: 4/6/8
- 5 baggage conveyor belts: 20/22/24
- 6 check-in counters: 360/361/362
- 7 moving walkways: 106/107/108
- 8 elevators: 102/103/104
- 9 escalators: 81/82/83

**Lesson 8: The Destination**

**Key words:** fascinate destination floating market

**A Read the text below and complete it with the right form of verb from the box. You can use one verb more than once if necessary.**

be wait give excited nod go hold take ride stand

Mita was \_\_\_\_\_ to see such a big airport. After completing immigration, they all came out of the airport. Mr. Mazharul Islam \_\_\_\_\_ to the taxi counter and bought a ticket. They stood in a line and \_\_\_\_\_ for *their turn*. Soon their taxi came and they all got into it.

Mita's uncle \_\_\_\_\_ the driver his address, Happy Condo 18 Rachada Pisek Road. The driver \_\_\_\_\_ and started for the destination. Mita \_\_\_\_\_ very excited. She \_\_\_\_\_ Zara's hand and whispered, "Oh Zara, I can't believe I'm here with you and I'm so happy. Mita had never \_\_\_\_\_ a car at such a high speed. She \_\_\_\_\_ *a little scared*. It \_\_\_\_\_ about one and a half hours to reach their destination. Mita's uncle paid the driver according to the metre. The driver \_\_\_\_\_ out their luggage, thanked Mr. Islam and drove away.

### **B Read the text and answer the following questions.**

Mita looked around and saw a garden of trees and flowers welcoming her. There was a small fountain at the middle of the garden, bringing in cool breeze. Mita loved the place.

Mita brought a suitcase as well as a piece of carry-on luggage. She carried her luggage to the elevator and pressed a button that *said 6*. Her uncle's apartment was on the 7th floor. It was a nicely done two-bedroom apartment. Mita and Zara were going to share the same room.

It was nearly 8 p.m. when they all *got settled*. They finished dinner and started to plan for the next day. Mita read about the floating market in the internet, and wanted to see one. "Well, then you have to wake up very early tomorrow. The market sits early in the morning and is over before noon. We are going to the Tha Kha floating market tomorrow," said Mr. Islam. "Wow!" cried out Mita and Zara together. "Thank you, uncle." "Thank you, dad."

### **Questions**

- 1 Why did Mita think that the garden was welcoming her?
- 2 When did they all start to plan for the next day?
- 3 What did they plan to see?
- 4 Why would Mita and Zara wake up early the next morning?

**C Read the text in A and B and write what the following phrases mean in the texts.**

- 1 their turn
- 2 a little scared
- 3 bringing in
- 4 said 6
- 5 got settled

## **Lesson 9: The Tha Kha Floating Market**

**Key words :** laden chit-chat natives

**A Look at the picture and talk about it.**



- 1 Can you guess what this could be?
- 2 Where do you think this place is?

**B Read the text and answer the questions.**

It was Sunday. Mita, Zara, Jhuma Islam and Mazharul Islam woke up very early. They quickly got ready and started for Tha Kha floating market. They planned to have breakfast at the market. They reached the market place sharp at 7. The canals were surrounded with coconut palm trees. They hired a boat. The boatman started to row slowly taking them to the centre of the market.

There were boats everywhere. The sellers were mainly elderly Thai women. Their small boats were laden with bundles of lotus flowers, farm-fresh coconuts,



fruits, vegetables, local food, and delicious sweets. The sellers and buyers rowed their boats slowly. The sellers displayed their goods for sale and the buyers chose their pick. They could have a little chit-chat as buying and selling was going on.

- 1 What kind of market was it?
- 2 Why did the boatman row slowly?
- 3 Who were selling goods? How were they selling their goods?
- 4 What were they selling?
- 5 What was the atmosphere at the market?

**C Read more about the Tha Kha river and Mita's experience.**

The Tha Kha floating market is more traditional with a few tourists visiting than other floating markets. Originally, the Tha Kha floating market used to sit only six or seven days a month depending on the phase of the moon. Nowadays, the trade takes place on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays too. The main buyers here are the Tha Kha natives. People seem to know each other very well. Everyone was seen smiling and calling each other by name. The locals did not notice Mita and others much. They were all busy buying and selling.

**D True or false? If false give the correct information.**

- 1 Tha Kha floating market is a tourist place.
- 2 It sits only six or seven days a month.
- 3 The buyers and sellers are the local people living near Tha Kha river.
- 4 They all knew each other.

**E Read the text further and write the answers to the following questions.**

- 1 Why is Tha Kha floating market 'traditional'?
- 2 How many days a week does the market sit?
- 3 Why do you think people at the floating market know each other so well?

**F Read the text and answer the following questions.**

They passed an hour and a half at the market and enjoyed the business. Then all of them were hungry. They rowed near the boat of an elderly woman, who was selling food. She welcomed them with a smile and showed them the food. They bought the traditional and very popular food called 'Pad Thai', a kind of noodles with shrimps, tomato and some vegetables, with freshly roasted crushed peanut. The food was served in a bowl made from banana leaf. After Pad Thai, they ate 'Kanom Krok'. It is a coconut pancake which is very sweet. The Tha Kha people are simple and easy going. They are very friendly and polite. They do not understand English or any other language. Yet they have a way to communicate with Mita and others.

Mita was delighted to see a traditional Thai floating market. She took a lot of pictures with the elderly sellers.

**Questions**

- 1 Who were hungry?
- 2 How did the elderly woman know that Mita and others want to buy food?
- 3 What does the phrase 'easy going' mean?

**G Discuss in groups the following question and write the answer.**

Do we have anything like a Tha Kha market in our country? If we have, where can you find it? If we don't have, discuss why we need it.

**H Describe a nearby bazar/market in your locality by answering the following questions:**

- a. What is the market called? (give its name if there is any) How far is it from your home?
- b. When does the market sit?
- c. What can you buy at the market?
- d. Do you like going to the market? Write why or why not.