

Airport Vocabulary Builder

- ① **Warm-up** Discuss the following question with your partner:

- When were you last at an airport?

- ② **Work with a partner. Fill in the spaces using the vocabulary in the box below.**



At an airport, departing go to the - in desk to get a seat number and pass. They leave any that they will not take into the cabin. They can then go through Usually, there is a detector that everyone must walk through. From here, they proceed to control and on into the lounge and boarding for their flight. Passengers on international flights can visit shops before departure.

At the destination, passengers enter the terminal building and go to , where they show their passports. They collect their baggage from the baggage and proceed to , where passengers can have their baggage searched for illegal goods. Finally, they can go through to the hall where friends, relatives or colleagues may be waiting for them.

baggage	reclaim	security	departure	check
passport	metal	arrivals	gate	immigration
customs	passengers	duty-free	boarding	

- ③ **Discussion. Ask your partner(s) the following questions. Remember to ask follow up wh- questions, using your imagination.**

- Have you ever flown? Where did you go the first time?
- Do you like flying? Why / Why not?
- Have you ever flown business class? Do you think it's good value?
- What is the best / worst airline you've flown? Why?
- Also: ask your own questions about: duty free, your local airport, airline food...

Airport Vocabulary Builder: Teacher's Notes

Target Structure:	None
Vocabulary:	Airport (Vocab builder) plus discussion
Level:	Lower – Intermediate to Intermediate
Time:	40 minutes +
Preparation:	One photocopy for each student

Suggested teaching method

Although most suitable for students of pre-intermediate level and upwards, even elementary-level students can benefit from a review of relevant vocabulary this handout contains. Don't be afraid to simply give generous assistance as an emergency aid for the lowest level students thrown into international travel.

At all stages, you can present vocabulary on the board prior to activities, if you think students will find things difficult. Keep things moving, keep it light and fun. The real thing is stressful enough!

- 1 There's quite a lot of discussion at the end of this worksheet, so keep the warm-up to a minimum. Don't correct the students' English at this stage, unless really necessary.
- 2 As per instructions, students complete this activity again in pairs. Compare answers.
- 3 Discussion. Travel is a gift of a topic, and everyone has opinions of airports and airlines.
You can do this in several ways. The students could simply ask each other the questions in small groups. Make sure that they ask follow up questions, and not just robotically read what's written on the worksheet.

Alternatively, ask students to read the questions, and then turn over the sheet. They need to be able to reproduce the questions, or something with similar meaning. They don't need to be able to repeat the exact same questions – let them use their own words. 'Parroting' is not a very useful EFL skill...

Suggested answers / dialogue (alternatives are possible)

- 2 At an airport, departing passengers go to the check-in desk to get a seat number and boarding pass. They leave any baggage that they will not take into the cabin. They can then go through security. Usually, there is a metal detector that everyone must walk through. From here, they proceed to passport control and on into the departure lounge and boarding gate for their flight. Passengers on international flights can visit duty-free shops before departure.

At the destination, passengers enter the terminal building and go to immigration, where they show their passports. They collect their baggage from the baggage reclaim and proceed to customs, where passengers can have their baggage searched for illegal goods. Finally, they can go through to the arrivals hall where friends, relatives or colleagues may be waiting for them.

Additional Ideas



Is this too easy for your students? We have a more challenging version. Check out Handouts Online for the upper-intermediate / advanced worksheet.