

Lesson 1 | At Sydney Airport

Reading • At the check-in

a Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

1. Where are the people?
2. What are they doing?

b Read and check your answers.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are at Sydney Airport with their son Jamie. They are going to Washington to visit their other son, Matt, who is studying art there. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson often travel by air as they have their own company and regularly fly to different cities in Australia. They are not afraid of flying, but Jamie does not like it and he is not looking forward to the flight at all. The airport is a huge building and it is crowded today. Jamie is looking around him at all the people. Some are holding tickets, and others have their passports in their hands. While Jamie is standing and watching all the people, Mrs. Thompson walks over to the check-in counter, where you leave your suitcases. The Thompsons have a lot of luggage as they are staying in the United States for a month, but Mrs. Thompson is not carrying it. All the luggage is on a luggage cart and she is pushing it.

MR. THOMPSON: Is everything all right, Jamie? You're not scared, are you?

JAMIE: Me? Of course not...

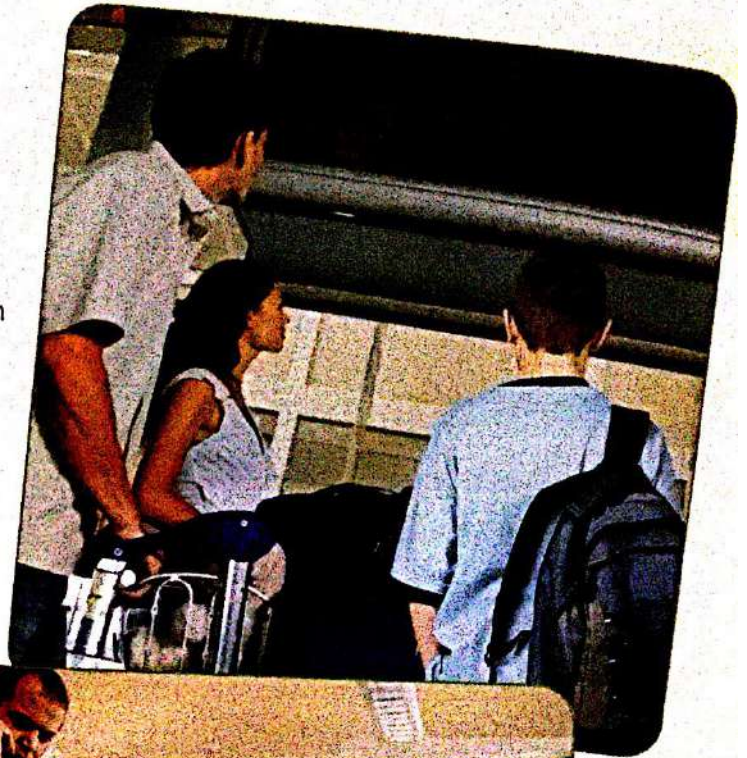
MR. THOMPSON: Are you sure? I know you don't like flying much.

JAMIE: Well, to be honest, I'm a bit worried about the flight. What happens if there's a storm?

MR. THOMPSON: Stop worrying! Airplanes are perfectly safe. Personally, I like flying especially when the plane takes off. It goes so fast, and then suddenly it leaves the ground and...

JAMIE: Let's not talk about it any more. You're making me feel worse!

Mr. Thompson smiles at Jamie and goes to help his wife with the luggage. They stop by a departures screen to make sure their flight is on time.



Comprehension Check

Underline the correct answer to complete the sentences.

1. Matt ... at Sydney Airport.
a) is b) is not
2. Mrs. Thompson ... a lot.
a) flies b) doesn't fly
3. Jamie is ... about the journey.
a) excited b) worried
4. The airport is ... today.
a) busy b) quiet

Grammar

Simple Present / Present Continuous

Do you **take** the bus to school?

I often **travel** by plane.

He's **sleeping** at the moment.

We're **flying** to Washington tomorrow.

Grammar Practice

a Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

ALEX: 1) _____ you _____ (travel) by plane a lot, Jane?

JANE: Yes, but not as much as my dad. He's a pilot! In fact he 2) _____ (fly) to Germany right now.

ALEX: 3) _____ your mom ever _____ (go) with him?

JANE: Not very often. She's usually too busy.

ALEX: I see. How's your brother, George?

JANE: He's fine. He 4) _____ (study) hard at the moment but sometimes on the weekends he 5) _____ (play) soccer.

b Underline the correct answer.

1. My dad usually *is taking* / *takes* the bus to work but today he *is driving* / *drives* there.
2. It's snowing! We *aren't going* / *don't go* to school.
3. I *don't remember* / *am not remembering* that man.
4. *Do they play* / *Are they playing* soccer today?

c Complete the letter with appropriate words.

Dear John,

How are you? I hope you are OK. Next week, I am flying to Washington. Mom and Dad are coming with

1) _____. We're spending a month there. I'm looking forward 2) _____ my vacation but I'm a bit

worried about the flight. I 3) _____ fly very often.

Mom and Dad both like to travel 4) _____ plane,

but I always feel really nervous. I'll write 5) _____

you when I get there.

Jamie

Speaking • Pairwork

In pairs, ask and answer the questions using the words in the box.

sometimes often rarely never always usually

How often...

1. do you travel by plane?
2. do you go on vacation?
3. do you go to the movies?

Everyday English • At the airport

Complete the dialogue using the words in the box.

desks screens flight luggage cart
information passports delay gate

DEPARTURES		
London Guk	20 - 25	12
New York Jfk	20 - 25	10
Tokyo	Delayed	Delayed
Frankfurt	26 - 30	3
Washington	31 - 36	17
Rome	15 - 19	19

MRS. COLE: Here we are at last!

MR. COLE: Tom, find a 1) _____ so we can put all these heavy suitcases on it.

TOM: OK, Dad. Where do we go to find our plane?

MR. COLE: We need to check in first.

SUE: There's the 2) _____ counter over there. Let's go and ask.

MR. COLE: Well, actually, we can just look at these

3) _____ here above our heads.

They usually tell you everything you need to know.

Now, just look for the number of our

4) _____.

TOM: There it is! AM 1906 to Washington. It says check-in 5) _____ 31-36.

MRS. COLE: And departure 6) _____ 17.

I hope there isn't any 7) _____.

MR. COLE: Oh, stop worrying! Let's go and check in.

Does everyone have their 8) _____ and boarding passes ready?