

Airports and Air Travel

Discussion Topic Pack

A warm-up, vocabulary, and graded discussion questions for talking about **Airports and Air Travel**.

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____ Score _____

Warm-up: What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word "airport"?

1 · Vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Example
terminal	the building where passengers board and leave planes	<i>The terminal was busy with people waiting for their flights.</i>
boarding pass	the ticket that allows you to get on the plane	<i>I always keep my boarding pass in my wallet until I board.</i>
luggage	the bags you take with you on a trip	<i>My luggage was heavy, so I asked for help.</i>
security check	the process of checking passengers and bags for safety	<i>The security check took longer than I expected.</i>
flight delay	when a plane leaves later than scheduled	<i>The flight delay made us miss our connection.</i>
layover	a short stay between connecting flights	<i>We had a two-hour layover in Paris before the next flight.</i>
gate	the place in the airport where you board the plane	<i>Our gate changed, so we had to walk to a different part of the airport.</i>
turbulence	unsteady movement of an aircraft caused by air currents	<i>During the flight, we experienced a little turbulence.</i>

2 · Discussion Questions

Take turns asking and answering — try to give a full answer, not just yes or no.

- 1 How often do you travel by plane?
- 2 What is your favorite airport and why?
- 3 Can you describe the last time you went through security at an airport?
- 4 What do you usually bring in your hand luggage?
- 5 Have you ever missed a flight? What happened?
- 6 What do you think about the cost of airline tickets nowadays?
- 7 How do you feel about airline staff's service during a flight?
- 8 What are the advantages and disadvantages of using low-cost airlines?
- 9 If you could change one thing about airport security, what would it be?
- 10 Do you think future technology will make air travel faster and more comfortable? Why or why not?

3 · Extension

Try this: Role-play: You are at the check-in desk and your flight is delayed. One student acts as the passenger, another as the airline staff, and they try to find a solution together.