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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?

Lesson 2 Getting Around

Speaking • Pairwork

In pairs, discuss how people in your country get from place to place. Use the pictures to help you.



bus



taxi



subway



train



airplane



boat

Listening • In Washington

a Listen  and underline the correct answers.

- The Thompsons traveled by ... to Washington.
a) train b) boat c) plane
- They take ... to the hotel.
a) the subway b) a taxi c) a bus
- The Thompsons' have reserved ... rooms.
a) one b) two c) three
- Breakfast is served from ... every morning.
a) eight until eleven b) seven until nine c) seven until ten
- The Thompsons' rooms look...
a) clean. b) comfortable. c) tidy.
- Mrs. Thompson feels...
a) excited. b) angry. c) sleepy.

b Listen again and answer the questions.

- Where will the Thompsons be staying in Washington?

- What numbers are their hotel rooms?

- How do they get to their rooms?

- What does Jamie want to do?

- What does Jamie do?

- Who is waiting for Jamie?

Grammar

Future Forms

I think he **will be** there.

Are you **going to buy** a new bike?

At this time tomorrow, I **will be doing** my homework.

I'll **see** you when you **get** there.

Grammar Practice

a Match the questions to the responses.

1. Will you call me?
2. What time do you want me to come to your house?
3. How long will you be staying in Washington?
4. When can we talk about my problem?
5. I have a problem.

___ Yes, as soon as I get there.

___ I'll be spending a month here.

___ While we're driving to work tomorrow.

___ Are you going to talk to your parents about it?

___ At five. I won't be working then.

b Complete the dialogue with *will* or *going to*.

RECEPTIONIST: What time are you

1) _____ arrive?

MR. BROWN: I 2) _____ arrive at around 4 PM.

RECEPTIONIST: OK, very good, sir. Are you

3) _____ need a single or double room?

MR. BROWN: Oh, a single please.

4) _____ there be a TV in the room?

RECEPTIONIST: Yes, of course. How long

5) _____ you be staying?

MR. BROWN: I'm 6) _____ be leaving on Thursday.

RECEPTIONIST: Great. We 7) _____ be expecting you at 4:30 tomorrow, sir.

Speaking • Pairwork

In pairs, use the prompts to ask and answer questions using future forms.

Questions

- do / this time tomorrow
- do / Tuesday morning
- do / Wednesday evening
- do / Thursday at eight o'clock
- do / Saturday

Answers

- check into / hotel
- visit / Smithsonian Museum
- have dinner / restaurant
- watch play / theater
- visit / Lincoln Memorial



What will you be doing at this time tomorrow?

I'll be visiting the Smithsonian Museum.

Everyday English • At a hotel

Complete the dialogue with the phrases in the box.

Do you have my bill ready? Could you just sign this form, please?
Oh, could you call a taxi for us as well, please?
Yes, but we have to check out first.

SUE: OK our suitcases are packed.

We're ready to leave now, aren't we?

MRS. COLE: 1) _____

SUE: Check out? What does that mean?

TOM: It means that we have to give the keys back to the receptionist.

MR. COLE: We have to pay the bill, too. Come on.

At the reception desk...

RECEPTIONIST: Good afternoon, sir. Have you enjoyed your stay?

MR. COLE: Yes, everything was perfect, thank you. Here are the two room keys. 2) _____

RECEPTIONIST: Yes, sir, here it is. It's \$585 altogether. 3) _____

MRS. COLE: Here, I'll sign that while you pay. 4) _____

RECEPTIONIST: Certainly, ma'am. It should be here in about ten minutes.



Lesson 3 Seeing the World

Reading • Vacations

a Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

1. What places can you see?
2. What types of activities can you do there?
3. Have you ever been somewhere similar?

b Read and match the vacations to their descriptions.



Vacation CHOICES

1 Colorado

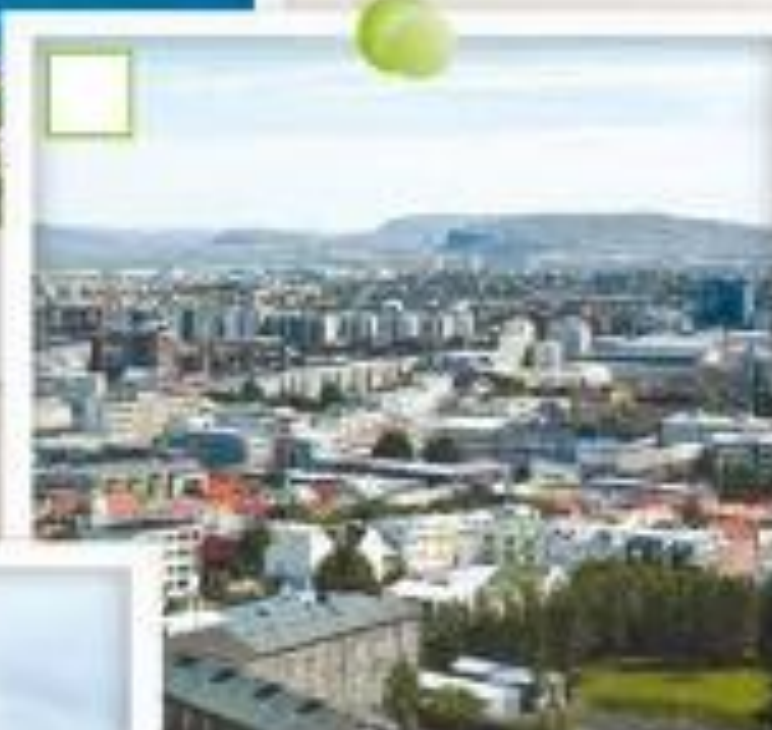
The ski resorts in the Colorado Rocky Mountains are famous. But have you ever thought about a summer vacation in the Rockies? Stay in a luxurious hotel, and breathe in the fresh mountain air. What could be more relaxing? For those who are feeling more active, take a long walk in the mountains! The views are amazing!

2 Dominican Republic

When you get off the plane in the Dominican Republic, you will see why the friendly people here love their tropical island so much. And like most tourists, you will soon be feeling the same way. The weather is fantastic and it is always warm and sunny. The way of life is very relaxing. You will forget all your worries and have a wonderful time. Take a vacation in the Dominican Republic this year. You will not regret it!

3 Iceland

If you think Iceland is a country full of snow, ice, and more ice, then think again! Iceland is full of surprises. For a real taste of this fascinating country, fly to Reykjavik and stay in one of the city's top hotels. Explore the city, go sightseeing, and travel into the countryside to see the amazing scenery. Iceland is an island that is full of surprises!



Comprehension Check

Read the texts again and label the sentences C (Colorado), DR (Dominican Republic), or I (Iceland).

1. You can go swimming every day. ____
2. They have fantastic views. ____
3. There is lots of clean, fresh, mountain air. ____
4. You can enjoy the relaxing way of life. ____
5. You can see the city sights. ____

Grammar

Articles

The people here are very friendly.

Iceland is a fascinating country.

The Dominican Republic is an island in the Caribbean.

The Rocky Mountains are in North America.


Grammar Practice

Complete the sentences with the words in the box when needed.

a an the

1. My brother really enjoyed his trip to _____ United States last year.
2. She was only driving at twenty five miles _____ hour.
3. What _____ lovely weather!
4. He travels abroad about twice _____ year.
5. Have you ever seen _____ pyramids in _____ Mexico?
6. Do you like _____ strawberries?

Listening • Ads

Listen  3 and match the speakers (1-3) to the pictures.



Speaking • Pairwork

In pairs, think of a vacation resort in your country. Ask and answer the questions below to guess the name of your partner's resort.

1. How do people usually travel to this place?
2. What's the area like? (beaches, mountains, rivers, etc.).
3. What can people do there?
4. Are there any famous sights?


Writing • Postcard

- a Complete the postcard with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

Hi Andy,

Here we are in Jamaica. We 1) _____ (have) a lovely time. The sun 2) _____ (shine) all day long, and everyone around here 3) _____ (smile) all the time. Every day, I 4) _____ (go) to the beach, but I 5) _____ (not go) tomorrow because we 6) _____ (take) a day trip to the capital city, Kingston. The next day, we 7) _____ (visit) a traditional village in the Blue Mountains. We 8) _____ (leave) on August 26. See you soon.

Your friend,
George



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- b Look at the photos. Choose one and write your own postcard to a friend. Write about...

- where you are.
- what the weather is like.
- what you usually do every day.
- what you are doing tomorrow and the next day.
- when you are leaving.



Dear _____, (friend's name)


Here I am in _____. I'm having a great time. The weather is _____. Every day, _____

Tomorrow, I am _____, and the next day, I am _____

I'm leaving on _____

See you soon.

Best,



(friend's name and address)

Lesson 4 Cross-Cultural Corner



Reading • Postcards

Read the postcards and say which place you would like to visit and why.



A Three State Trip

Last summer, Diana traveled over three states by train. She stopped in different places to do some sightseeing and to find out how the people there live. Here are some of the postcards she sent home.

June 30th

Dear Mom and Dad,

I'm having a great time here in Boston. It is a very safe and beautiful city. So you don't need to worry about me! Yesterday, we decided to do the Freedom Trail to get to know the city better. We saw the Old State House and visited the sight of the Boston Tea Party. It was fascinating. People from Boston have been really friendly so far, even when we got lost and had no idea how to get back to our hotel. They seem quite shy, but we have made some new friends. I must go now, but I'll write again soon!

Love,

Diana



Mr. & Mrs. Brown

5 Violet Court

Mayberry, IL

USA

Postcard: wabranding.com



July 15th

Hi Mom and Dad,

We arrived in Washington, D.C. yesterday. It's a busy city with beautiful buildings.

I didn't expect anything less because it is the capital of the whole country. Yesterday, in the afternoon, we wanted to find the White House, but we got lost on the way. Luckily, we met a local man who was pleased to show us the way. This afternoon we're going to the Smithsonian, which is the largest complex of museums in the world! Tonight, for our last night, we're having dinner at a Chinese restaurant. I can't wait.

Love,

Diana



Mr. & Mrs. Brown

5 Violet Court

Mayberry, IL

USA



July 30th

Dear Mom and Dad,

It's our last day in New York and I don't want to leave! I even bought some souvenirs so as not to forget the experience. We're staying in Manhattan, which is a modern area with lots of big apartment buildings. We did lots of sightseeing yesterday. We visited the Statue of Liberty which is a symbol of freedom and democracy in our country. That night, we relaxed at a Broadway play. The food here is also really tasty. My favorite thing is the pizza. It's delicious! See you soon!

Love,

Diana

POST CARD
CARTES POSTALES

Mr. & Mrs. Brown

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USA



Comprehension Check

Read the text again and underline the correct answer.

1. What are the people of Boston like?
 - a) They are angry.
 - b) They seem friendly.
 - c) They look silly.
2. What is Diana's favorite food in New York?
 - a) Pizza.
 - b) Sushi.
 - c) Hamburgers.
3. What was Diana looking for when she got lost in Washington, D.C.?
 - a) A market.
 - b) The Statue of Liberty.
 - c) The White House.
4. What is Diana going to do for her last night in Washington, D.C.?
 - a) She is going dancing.
 - b) She is going to go to bed early.
 - c) She is having dinner at a Chinese restaurant.

Speaking • Pairwork

Imagine you are going to travel through the United States by train. In pairs, talk about the possible routes you can take and what you will do along the way.



Let's take this route, then we can stop off at...



We could go to... Then we could see...



PROJECT: A Travel Poster

In groups, make postcards of four places in a country of your choice. Follow these steps.

1. Discuss the places you would like to visit. Draw a map of the country on a large piece of posterboard.
2. Find pictures in magazines or draw pictures of places in the country.
3. Individually, choose a place to write about.
4. Find out one or two interesting facts about your chosen place and include them on your postcard.
5. Arrange all the postcards on the poster of the country with arrows pointing to the information about different places.



Create an online travel poster.



Let's Talk

- a Imagine that you belong to a local youth club and the leader has asked you to help organize a weekend away. In pairs, look at the pictures and say where you think a group of twelve teenagers would prefer to go and why.



- b Now, imagine that you have decided to organize the camping trip. Look at the leaflets and tell your partner which ones you would find useful. Give reasons why.



Are you moving on? • Check yourself

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1. I can find out information at an airport... | very well. <input type="checkbox"/> | pretty well. <input type="checkbox"/> | not very well. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. I can check out of a hotel... | very well. <input type="checkbox"/> | pretty well. <input type="checkbox"/> | not very well. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. I can talk about different vacation resorts... | very well. <input type="checkbox"/> | pretty well. <input type="checkbox"/> | not very well. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. I can write a postcard about my vacation... | very well. <input type="checkbox"/> | pretty well. <input type="checkbox"/> | not very well. <input type="checkbox"/> |