

What is it?: Airports

Introduction

This engaging guessing activity helps students learn how to identify airport vocabulary from simple sentences.

Before the Lesson

Print (A4 size), laminate, and cut out the word/picture cards on the dotted lines. Then fold the cards on the solid line in the middle, with the printed side facing outwards. Tape or glue the cards together so they stay flat. In lieu of laminating, print on thicker A4 cardstock paper. Be sure to print enough copies for the amount of students you have, *for example, if you have 15 students in class, print the pdf five times and group students into threes.*

In the Lesson

Give each group of students a set of the guessing cards. The cards should be in a pile, picture side down on the table between the students. Students take turns drawing a card, careful not to show the picture side to the other students, then reads the sentences aloud. The other students guess what airport vocabulary the sentences have described. Once it's correctly guessed, the next student takes a card from the pile and has their turn.

Once all of the groups have finished, you can extend the activity by having students make their own simple sentences for other words associated to airports that they know in English, and see if the class can guess what they are.

Focus	Aim	Level	Time
Vocabulary practice	To learn how to identify airport vocabulary from simple sentences.	A1/A2	30-35 minutes

What is it?

Guessing Airport Vocabulary



an airport

What is it?

- A busy place with lots of movement.
- People go here before they go far away.
- It has terminals, gates, and runways.



check-in

What is it?

- You do this before a flight.
- People stand in line here.
- You get your boarding pass here.



a boarding pass

What is it?

- You need this to get on the plane.
- It has your name, flight number, and seat.
- The gate agent checks it before you board.

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a gate

What is it?

- You wait here before getting on the plane.
- It has a number on your boarding pass.
- The flight crew calls passengers from here.



departure

What is it?

- Your flight has a scheduled time for this.
- You check the airport screens for updates.
- It means "to leave."



arrival

What is it?

- Your flight has a scheduled time for this.
- You check the airport screens for updates.
- It means "to come."

What is it?

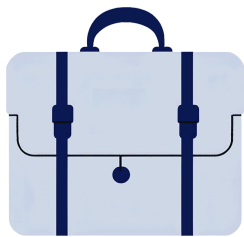
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baggage/luggage

What is it?

- It can be big or small.
- You carry it or roll it through the airport.
- You put your clothes and things inside.



carry-on bag

What is it?

- You keep this close to you.
- It must not be too big.
- It goes up or under.



checked baggage

What is it?

- You leave this behind for a while.
- It goes somewhere you can't see.
- You find it again after a flight.

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security check

What is it?

- People stand in line here.
- Some things are not allowed.
- You have to follow instructions.



customs

What is it?

- People stand in line here.
- Some people have to answer questions here.
- Officers look at certain documents.



passport

What is it?

- It is small but very important.
- You must show it to travel far.
- It has your picture inside.

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flight

What is it?

- It has a number.
- It can be short or long.
- Many people take one every day.



layover

What is it?

- It happens in between things.
- Some are long, and some are short.
- It is a kind of waiting period.



delayed

What is it?

- It can happen because of many reasons.
- It means you must be patient.
- This is not good news for travelers.