

Talk a Lot

Airport

General Questions

1. Are there any words or phrases that you don't know? Find them in a dictionary.
2. Take some cards. Describe the word or phrase on a card without saying it.
3. How many words and phrases have... a) 1 syllable, b) 2 syllables, c) 3 syllables, d) 4 syllables, e) 5 syllables, f) 6 syllables?
4. Put words and phrases with more than one syllable into groups according to where the strong stress falls.
5. Put the words and phrases into alphabetical order.
6. Find and put into groups... a) compound nouns, b) words with suffixes.
7. Find words that... a) begin with a vowel sound, b) end with a vowel sound, c) begin with a consonant sound, d) end with a consonant sound. Put them into sound groups.
8. Find words which contain silent letters (letters which are not pronounced).
9. How many words and phrases can you remember when they are all turned over?
10. Put words and phrases that contain the same sounds into groups, using the IPA.

Lesson Questions

1. Which word sounds like... a) might, b) wicket, c) weight, d) meet, e) purest, f) brash?
2. Find three places in an airport where you need to show photo ID.
3. Which word is something that you can open, pack, close, carry, weigh, and check-in?
4. Find all of the different people, and describe what each one does.
5. Which word means... a) collision, b) airport building, c) break, d) bargain goods, e) cheap travel company, f) a better seat, g) waiting room, h) final place?
6. A document that you need to show, with your passport, to enter some countries.
7. i) Find a word which has a weak stress schwa sound /ə/ on the... a) 1st syllable, b) 2nd syllable, c) 3rd syllable, etc. ii) Do any words and phrases *not* have a schwa?
8. Find two things that you need to produce just before you get on a plane.
9. You must wear this during take-off and landing, and sometimes in the air as well.
10. This word means the journey from the airport to your hotel (and vice versa).
11. "If my company is paying, I prefer to travel _____."

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Discussion Words Question Sheet

Answers

General Questions

1. Answers will vary.

2. Answers will vary.

3. a) 4 words have 1 syllable: flight, crash, gate, seat. b) 15 words have 2 syllables: tourist, customs, seatbelt, luggage, airline, landing, transfer, take-off, airport, passport, pilot, runway, visa, upgrade, ticket. c) 11 words and phrases have 3 syllables: holiday, check-in desk, passenger, turbulence, duty-free, long-haul flight, boarding pass, business class, aeroplane, arrivals, terminal. d) 7 words and phrases have 4 syllables: budget airline, excess baggage, destination, passport control, reservation, flight attendant, departure lounge. e) 2 phrases have 5 syllables: economy class, security guard. f) 1 phrase has 6 syllables: priority boarding.

4. 2 syllables: all of the words have the strong stress on the first syllable: **tourist**, **customs**, **seatbelt**, **luggage**, **airline**, **landing**, **transfer**, **take-off**, **airport**, **passport**, **pilot**, **runway**, **visa**, **upgrade**, **ticket**. 3 syllables: these words and phrases have the strong stress on the first syllable: **holiday**, **check-in desk**, **passenger**, **turbulence**, **boarding pass**, **business class**, **aeroplane**, **terminal**; this word has the strong stress on the middle syllable: **arrivals**; these words and phrases have the strong stress on the third syllable: **duty-free**, long-haul **flight**. 4 syllables: this phrase has the strong stress on the first syllable: **flight attendant**; this phrase has the strong stress on the second syllable: **departure lounge**; these words and phrases have the strong stress on the third syllable: budget **airline**, excess **baggage**, **destination**, **reservation**; this phrase has the strong stress on the fourth syllable: passport **control**. 5 syllables: both phrases have the strong stress on the second syllable: **economy class**, **security guard**. 6 syllables: this phrase has the strong stress on the fifth syllable: priority **boarding**.

5. Aeroplane, airline, airport, arrivals, boarding pass, budget airline, business class, check-in desk, crash, customs, departure lounge, destination, duty-free, economy class, excess baggage, flight, flight attendant, gate, holiday, landing, long-haul flight, luggage, passenger, passport, passport control, pilot, priority boarding, reservation, runway, seat, seatbelt, security guard, take-off, terminal, ticket, tourist, transfer, turbulence, upgrade, visa.

6. a) The following words are compound nouns: seatbelt (seat + belt), airline (air + line), airport (air + port), passport (pass + port), runway (run + way), upgrade (up + grade). b) The following words and phrases contain suffixes: **boarding pass**, **landing**, **priority boarding**; **duty-free**, **security guard**; **excess baggage**, **luggage**; **destination**, **reservation**; **budget airline**, **ticket**; **arrivals**, **terminal**; **visa**; **holiday**; **departure lounge**; **economy class**; **passenger**; **customs**; **turbulence**; **transfer**; **business class**; **pilot**; **flight attendant**; **tourist**.

7. a) These words all begin with a vowel sound (grouped by IPA sound): /eə/ **airline**, **aeroplane**, **airport**; /ʌ/ **upgrade**; /e/ **excess baggage**; /ə/ **arrivals**; /i/ **economy class**.

b) These words all end with a vowel sound (grouped by IPA sound): /eɪ/ **runway**, **holiday**; /ə/ **visa**, **passenger**; /i:/ **duty-free**; /ɜ:/ **transfer**.

c) These words and phrases all begin with a consonant sound (grouped by IPA sound): /p/ **passenger**, **passport**, **pilot**, **priority boarding**, **passport control**; /t/ **tourist**, **turbulence**, **transfer**, **take-off**, **terminal**, **ticket**; /b/ **boarding pass**, **business class**, **budget airline**; /l/ **long-haul flight**, **luggage**, **landing**; /d/ **departure lounge**, **destination**; /f/ **flight**, **flight attendant**; /k/ **customs**, **crash**; /r/ **runway**, **reservation**; /s/ **seat**, **security guard**; /h/ **holiday**; /tʃ/ **check-in desk**; /d/ **duty-free**; /s/ **seatbelt**; /g/ **gate**; /v/ **visa**.

d) These words and phrases all end with a consonant sound (grouped by IPA sound): /t/ **tourist**, **flight**, **seatbelt**, **long-haul flight**, **airport**, **passport**, **pilot**, **seat**, **gate**, **flight attendant**, **ticket**; /n/ **destination**, **airline**, **aeroplane**, **reservation**, **budget airline**; /s/ **economy class**, **turbulence**, **boarding pass**, **business class**; /dʒ/ **departure lounge**, **excess baggage**, **luggage**; /z/ **customs**, **arrivals**; /ŋ/ **landing**, **priority boarding**; /l/ **terminal**, **passport control**; /d/ **security guard**, **upgrade**; /ʃ/ **crash**; /k/ **check-in desk**; /f/ **take-off**.

8. Many English words contain one or more **silent letters** – letters which are part of the spelling of a word, but which are not pronounced. The aim of this activity is to demonstrate how so often the spelling of a word in English is different from how it sounds when spoken. Below are some good examples of words in this group of discussion words that have silent letters. The silent letters are shown in brackets. No doubt your students will be able to identify some more.

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Discussion Words Question Sheet

fli [gh] t, passenge [r], se [a] tbelt, luggag [e], airlin [e], airpo [r] t, runwa [γ], economy clas [s]

9. Answers will vary.

10. There are many possible answers to this question; for example, “duty-free”, “seatbelt”, “seat”, and “visa” all contain the vowel sound /i:/. Use the phonetic chart on p.18.6 of the **Talk a Lot Elementary Handbook** (available free from www.englishbanana.com/talkalot) and the phonetic spellings of the vocabulary words on the *Discussion Words (with the IPA)* handout to help your students put the words into sound groups.

Lesson Questions

1. a) flight. b) ticket. c) gate. d) seat. e) tourist. f) crash.

2. Check-in desk; passport control; arrivals.

3. Luggage.

4. The different people are: **passenger** – this person travels on a plane; **pilot** – this person flies a plane; **security guard** – this person performs the security check at customs, and patrols the airport in order to protect passengers and staff; **flight attendant** – this person provides assistance to passengers onboard a plane; **tourist** – this person goes on holiday.

5. a) crash. b) terminal. c) holiday. d) duty-free. e) budget airline. f) upgrade. g) departure lounge. h) destination.

6. Visa.

7. i) a) Words which have a weak stress schwa sound /ə/ on the 1st syllable: arrivals. b) Words and phrases which have a weak stress schwa sound /ə/ on the 2nd syllable: flight attendant, passenger, customs, aeroplane, pilot, reservation. c) Words and phrases which have a weak stress schwa sound /ə/ on the 3rd syllable: security guard, economy class, passenger, turbulence, arrivals, terminal, passport control, departure lounge. d) Words and phrases which have a weak stress schwa sound /ə/ on the 4th syllable: flight attendant, reservation, destination. ii) 24 words and phrases don't have a weak stress schwa sound: upgrade, holiday, flight, check-in desk, duty-free, excess baggage, long-haul flight, seatbelt, luggage, crash, boarding pass, airline, landing, take-off, business class, passport, airport, runway, seat, gate, tourist, budget airline, ticket.

8. Boarding pass and passport.

9. Seatbelt.

10. Transfer.

11. Business class.

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