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AIRPORTS and AIR TRAVEL



Question: *Do you like to travel by plane? Why? / Why not?*

- Complete the paragraph on the right with the **PAST TENSE** forms of verbs on the left.



My Flight to London

Dear Sylvia,

Last month was my first time to fly by myself. I was a little nervous, but it was exciting! First, I (1)_____ a taxi to the international airport terminal. Then, I (2)_____ at the check-in counter and (3)_____ to the departure lounge at Gate 64. I was early, so I didn't have to wait a long time to go through immigration and security. I (4)_____ in the departure lounge for about 25 minutes and then I showed my passport and boarding pass before I (5)_____ the plane. After I boarded the plane, I walked along the aisle and (6)_____ my seat, and then I (7)_____ down and (8)_____ my seat belt. I was lucky because my seat was a window seat, so I could look outside as the plane (9)_____. After a few hours, the flight attendants (10)_____ us dinner, and then I talked to the passenger sitting next to me. His name was Leonardo, and I was surprised to find out that he was also traveling to London to study English for the summer. Finally, I (11)_____ an action movie, and then our plane (12)_____ soon after that. It was a great experience, and I made a lot of friends during my six weeks in England. I'll e-mail you again after I fly back to Italy next Saturday. See you soon!

Love, Adrianna ☺

(about 225 words)

- B** board v.
- C** check-in v.
- F** fasten v.
- find v.
- L** land v.
- S** serve v.
- sit v.
- T** take v.
- take-off v.
- W** wait v.
- walk v.
- watch v.

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Vocabulary Practice

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|---------------------|----------|----|--|
| 1. airport terminal | <u>B</u> | A. | a place where passengers wait to get on a plane |
| 2. aisle | _____ | B. | the building where air passengers arrive |
| 3. check-in | _____ | C. | someone who travels by plane, train (etc.); not the pilot or driver |
| 4. departure lounge | _____ | D. | place between a row of seats where you can walk |
| 5. gate | _____ | E. | place to check passengers for guns, illegal things |
| 6. immigration | _____ | F. | the place where passengers get on or off a plane |
| 7. passenger | _____ | G. | place where your passport or visa is checked |
| 8. security | _____ | H. | the action of showing your passport and flight information at an airport counter or desk |

How Much Do You Understand?

- Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.

1. F The paragraph is all about Adrianna's summer in London.
2. _____ Adrianna went to Gate 64 and then checked-in at the check-in counter.
3. _____ She waited for almost half an hour in the departure lounge.
4. _____ She sat down in an aisle seat.
5. _____ She watched an action movie after she ate dinner.
6. _____ She wants to fly back to England next Saturday.

Discuss

- Ask and answer the following questions with your classmates.

1. What are some good things about traveling by air?
2. What are some bad things about traveling by air?
3. Do you prefer an 'aisle seat' or a 'window seat'? Why?
4. When was the last time you traveled by air? Did you enjoy your flight?

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Grammar-in-Context

- Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.

Last month was my first time to fly by myself. I was a little nervous, but it was exciting! First, I (1)_____ a taxi to the international airport terminal. Then, I checked-in at the check-in counter and (2)_____ to the departure lounge at Gate 64. I (3)_____, so I (4)_____ have to wait a long time to go through immigration and security. I waited in the departure lounge (5)_____ about 25 minutes and then I showed my passport and boarding pass before I boarded the plane. (6)_____ I boarded the plane, I walked along the aisle and found my seat, and then I sat down and fastened (7)_____ seat belt. I was lucky because my seat was a window seat, (8)_____ I could look outside as the plane took off. After (9)_____ hours, the flight attendants served (10)_____ dinner, and then I talked to the passenger sitting (11)_____ to me. His name was Leonardo, and I was surprised to find out that he was also traveling to London to study English for the summer. Finally, I watched an action movie, and then our plane landed soon after that. It was a great experience, and I (12)_____ a lot of friends during my six weeks in England. I'll e-mail you again after I fly back to Italy next Saturday. See you soon!

1.

- (A) took
(B) taked
(C) was take
(D) was took

5.

- (A) for
(B) at
(C) in
(D) to

9.

- (A) a little
(B) few
(C) little
(D) a few

2.

- (A) was walk
(B) walk
(C) walked
(D) was walked

6.

- (A) Before
(B) After
(C) Finally
(D) First

10.

- (A) your
(B) we
(C) us
(D) ours

3.

- (A) early
(B) will be early
(C) am early
(D) was early

7.

- (A) mine
(B) me
(C) my
(D) your

11.

- (A) next
(B) behind
(C) in front
(D) above

4.

- (A) no
(B) was not
(C) not
(D) didn't

8.

- (A) but
(B) so
(C) however
(D) for example

12.

- (A) make
(B) made
(C) makes
(D) was made

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Writing Practice 1

- Listen to your teacher and complete the paragraph.

Last month was my first time to fly by myself. I was a little _____, but it was exciting! First, I _____ a taxi to the international _____ . Then, I checked-in at the check-in counter and _____ to the departure lounge at Gate 64. I _____, so I _____ have to wait _____ to go through immigration and security. I waited in the _____ lounge _____ about 25 minutes and then I showed my _____ and boarding pass before I _____ the plane. _____ I boarded the plane, I _____ along the _____ and _____ my _____, and then I _____ down and fastened _____ seat belt. I _____ my seat _____ a window seat, _____ I _____ outside as the plane _____. After _____ hours, the flight attendants _____ dinner, and then I _____ the passenger sitting _____ to me. His name _____ Leonardo, and I _____ to find out that he _____ also traveling to London _____ for the summer. _____, I _____ an action movie, and _____ our plane _____ soon _____. It _____ a great experience, and I _____ a lot of _____ during my _____. I'll e-mail you again after I fly back to Italy _____. See you _____!

AIRPORT ARRIVALS TERMINAL

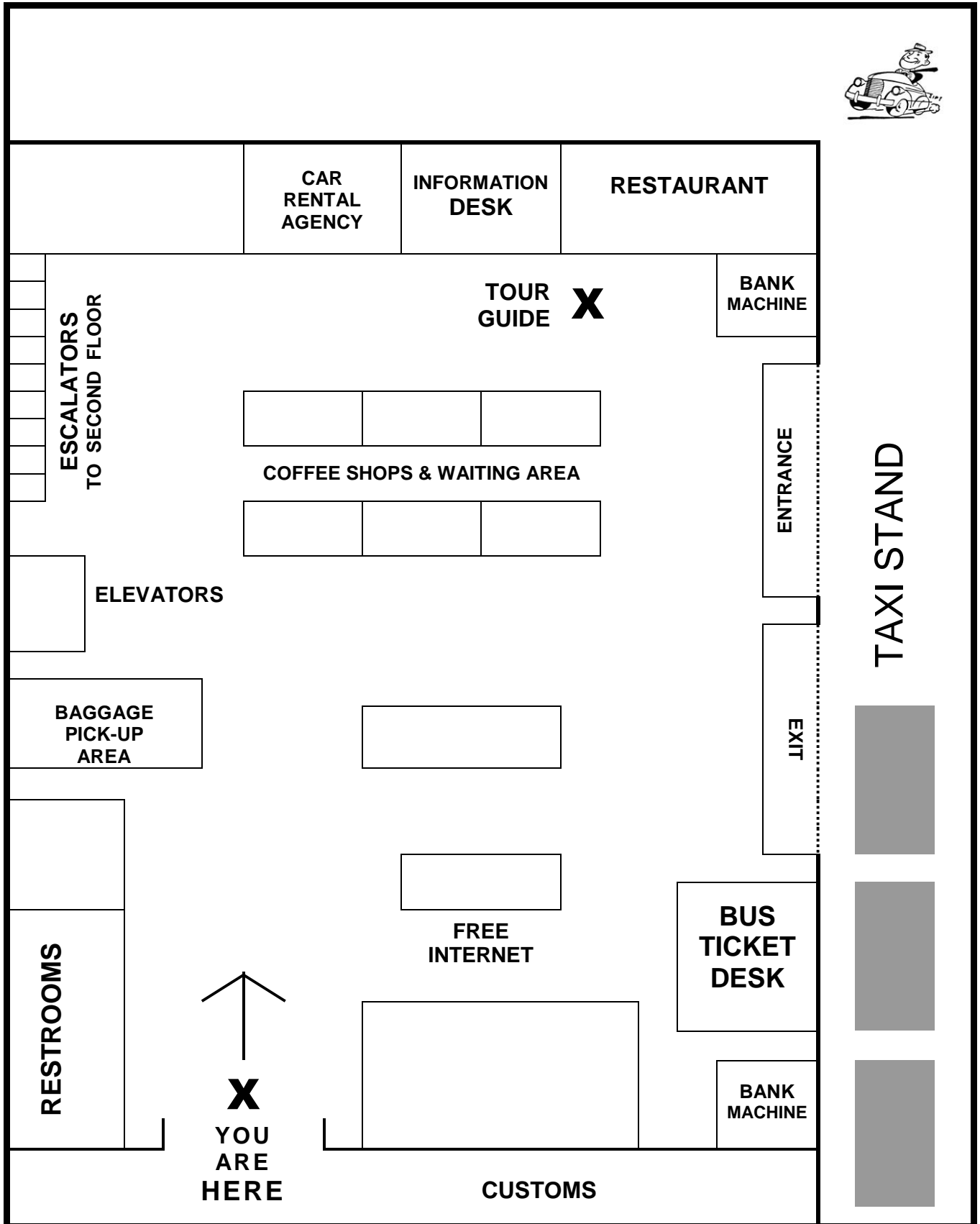
A

- Ask your partner where these places are.

Airport Bus
Bank

Tourist Info Service
Public Phones

Lost and Found
Your Classmate



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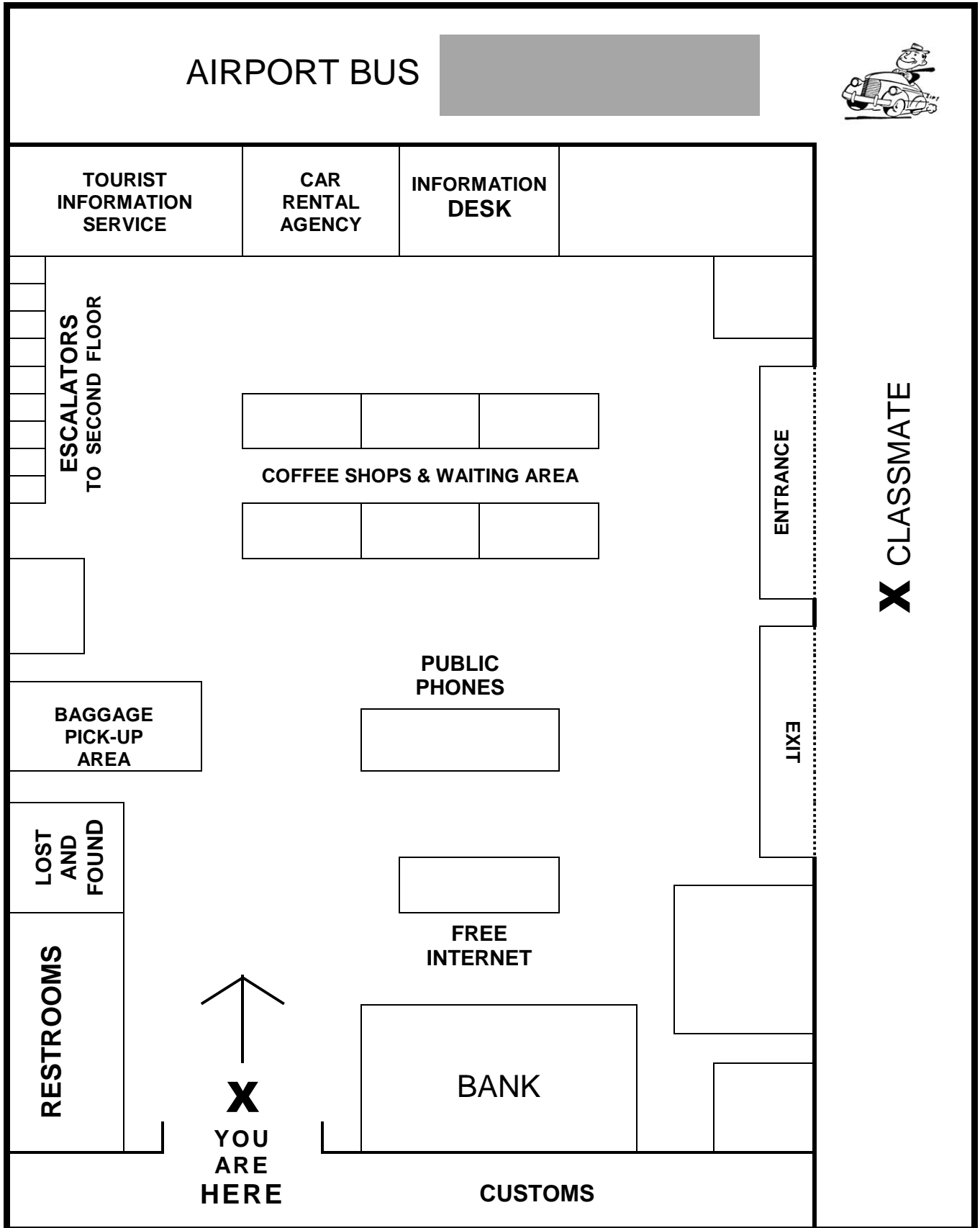
B

- Ask your partner where these places are.

Taxi Stand
Restaurant

Bank Machines
Bus Ticket Desk

Elevators
Tour Guide



LESSON

Air Travel / Flight to London

Language Focus Past Tense / Prepositions of Location

Level Intermediate

Time Approximately 120 – 180 minutes

ANSWER KEY

● Complete the Paragraph

1. take → took
2. check-in → checked-in
3. walk → walked
4. wait → waited
5. board → boarded
6. find → found
7. sit → sat
8. fasten → fastened
9. take-off → took off
10. serve → served
11. watch → watched
12. land → landed

● Vocabulary Practice

- | | |
|------|------|
| 1. B | 5. F |
| 2. D | 6. G |
| 3. H | 7. C |
| 4. A | 8. E |

● How Much Do You Understand?

1. F (It's about her flight.)
2. F (She first checked-in.)
3. T
4. F (She sat down in a window seat.)
5. T
6. F (She will fly back to Italy.)

● Grammar-in-Context

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|------|------|-------|
| 1. A | 5. A | 9. D |
| 2. C | 6. B | 10. C |
| 3. D | 7. C | 11. A |
| 4. D | 8. B | 12. B |

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For this info-gap activity, have your students (if possible) seated facing each other.

Make sure your learners have practiced the following vocabulary (and perhaps write it on the board as a reminder for them to use it):

- The bank **is across from** the....
- The bank is **next to / beside** the....
- The bank is **between** the...and the....
- The bank is **near** the....
- The ... is **in front of** the
- ...is **in the corner of** the building.

● Homework Idea

Write a narrative paragraph about a real or imagined flight you took (see attached worksheet). In the next class, get into a small group and read aloud your paragraph.

EXPLORE on-line:

<http://esl-lab.com/plane1/pln1.htm>

<http://listenaminute.com/a/airports.html>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airports>

<http://www.heathrowairport.com/>

