

Objectives

- Talk about air travel
- Discuss future plans, arrangements and decisions
- Ask for and giving opinions
- Describing plans



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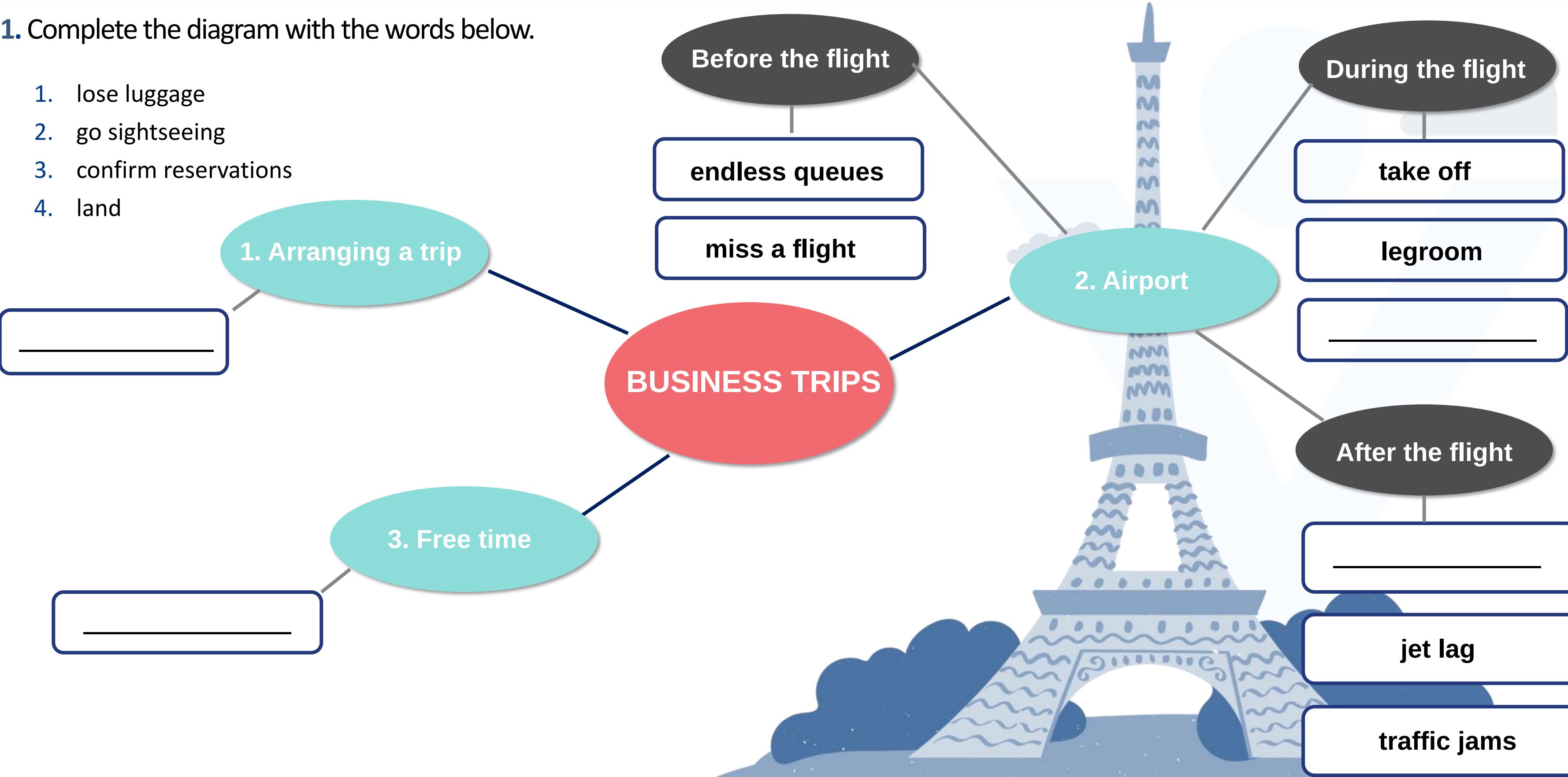
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1. Complete the diagram with the words below.

- 1. lose luggage
- 2. go sightseeing
- 3. confirm reservations
- 4. land





Audio
7.1

2. Listen to 3 people speaking about travelling on business and complete the table.



	Debby	Jordan	Sam
likes			
dislikes			

3. Underline two nouns / phrases that go with each verb.

offer ...	a discount
	good deals
	a plane

visit...	friends
	a room
	foreign countries

reduce...	costs
	the price
	a flight

cost...	a day
	money
	a fortune

4. Match (1-8) with (a-h).

- | | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. It's always exciting to visit _____ | a. different cultures |
| 2. I enjoy experiencing _____ | b. flights |
| 3. I don't like tight _____ | c. being away from my family |
| 4. The worst part is _____ | d. luggage |
| 5. I love when the plane _____ | e. can be difficult to deal with |
| 6. I really hate losing _____ | f. schedules |
| 7. Plus, jet lag _____ | g. is ready to take off |
| 8. I dread missing _____ | h. foreign countries |

extra vocabulary

to dread - to feel extremely worried or frightened about something.

E.g. He's dreading the exam - he's sure he's going to fail.



5. What do you like / dislike about business trips / travelling? Tell your teacher / partner using the phrases below.

- I love ...
- It's always exciting to ...
- I enjoy + noun / -ing ...
- I don't like ...
- The worst part is ...
- I really hate + noun / -ing...
- ... can be difficult to deal with.
- I dread + noun / -ing
- visit foreign places
- tight schedules
- endless queues
- be away from my family
- get away from the office
- lose luggage
- take off
- jet lag
- reduce the price
- go sightseeing
- miss flights
- traffic jams

extra writing

Answer the question **(50-70 words)**:

Do you agree that air travel is the safest form of travel?

extra vocabulary

Trip - a journey in which you go somewhere, usually for a short time.

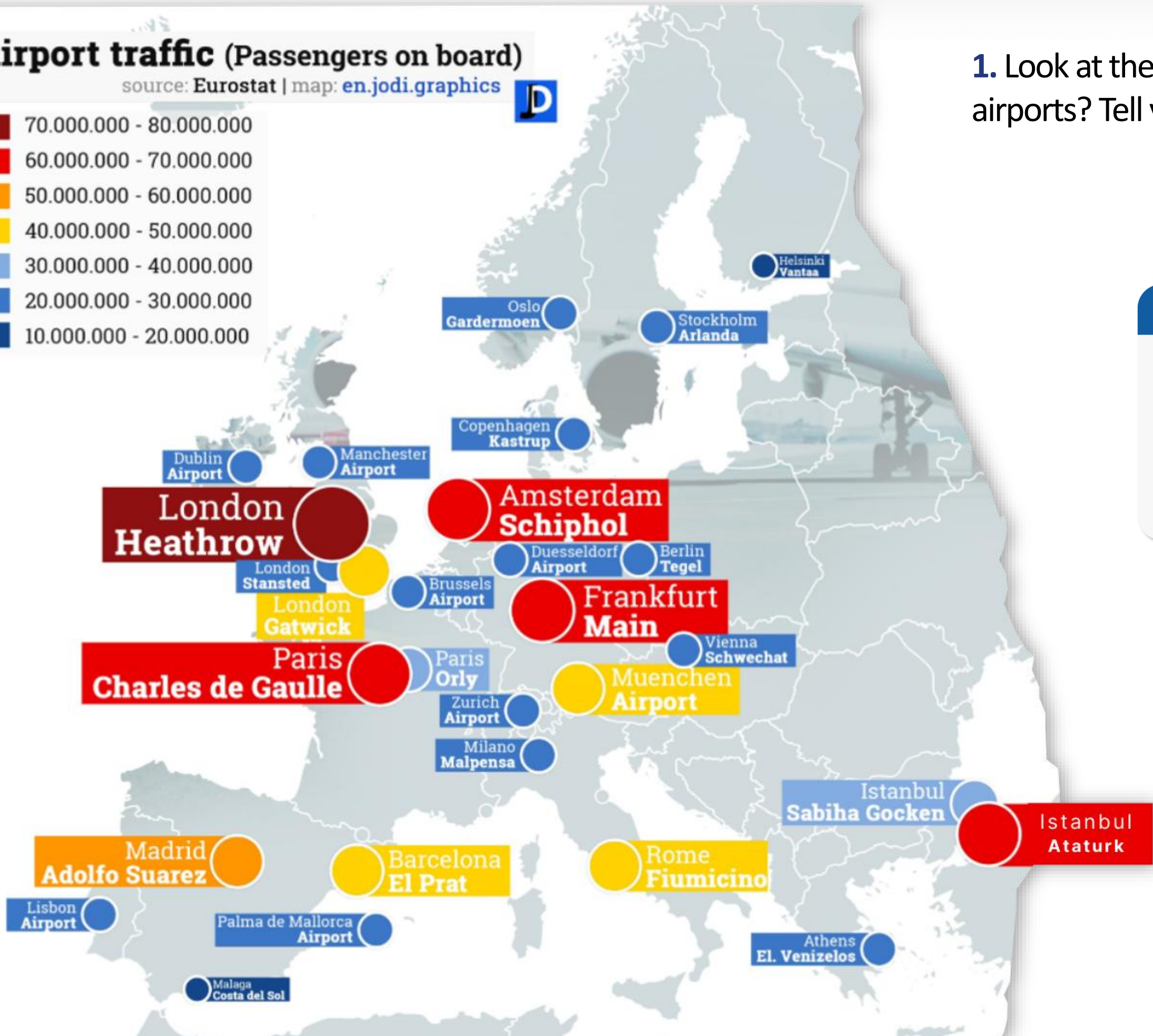
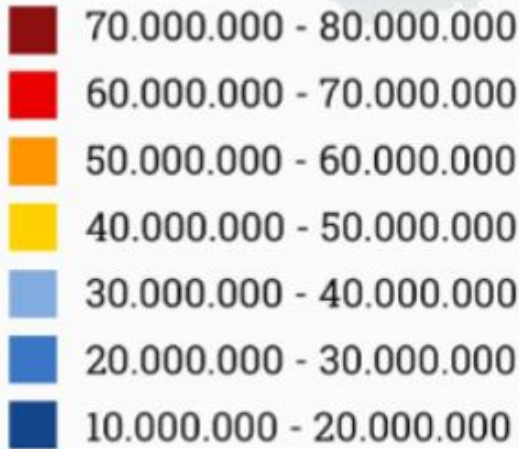
Journey - the act of travelling from one place to another, especially in a vehicle.

Travel - the activity of travelling.

E.g. We share a love of literature, food and travel.

Airport traffic (Passengers on board)

source: Eurostat | map: en.jodi.graphics



1. Look at the map on the left. Have you been to any of these airports? Tell your teacher / partner about your experience.

TRAVEL

TOP 30
AIRPORTS IN
EUROPE (2024)

NAME

FLIGHT

GATE

SEAT

2. Read the tips and match them with the headlines. Which tip do you think is the best? Why? Can you add any tips?

- Always compare prices
- Check-in online
- Pack light
- 24-hour rule
- Choose your route wisely
- Shop on Tuesday
- Use the Greek islands trick
- Go incognito

1. _____

Generally, the best time to buy cheap tickets is on a Tuesday around 3 p.m. This is when airlines have good deals. Try to fly on cheaper days like Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday to save more.

2. _____

Prices can increase if you frequently check them. Search for tickets using incognito mode to avoid price increases based on your browsing history.

3. _____

Budget airlines have strict **baggage allowances** and **weight restrictions**. To avoid extra **airline charges**, pack light. It's better to use **hand baggage** only if possible.

4. _____

For the best seat, like an **aisle seat** or a **window seat**, use **self-service check-in** or **online check-in** as soon as you can. If you don't, you might get a **middle seat**. You can also ask if you can get a **seat upgrade** when you check in.

5. _____

Direct flights are convenient, but **connecting flights** can be cheaper. If you choose a flight with a stop, you might save up to 50%, though be aware of potential problems like **missed connections** or **delayed flights**.

6. _____

Some airlines have a rule which allows you to cancel a booking without penalties within 24 hours. Take advantage of it! It's useful for securing a good price when you're not sure of your plans.

7. _____

Use online tools like Google Flight or Skyscanner to compare prices.

8. _____

Fly to a big city with one airline. Then, use a domestic airline to go to your final place. It can be cheaper.

3. Match (1-12) with (a-l) to make expressions. Then find the pictures that illustrate the meaning of the phrases.

1. baggage

2. weight

3. airline

4. hand

5. aisle

6. self-service

7. middle

8. security

9. seat

10. connecting

11. delayed

12. window
- a. flight

b. seat

c. restrictions

d. scan

e. check-in

f. baggage

g. flight

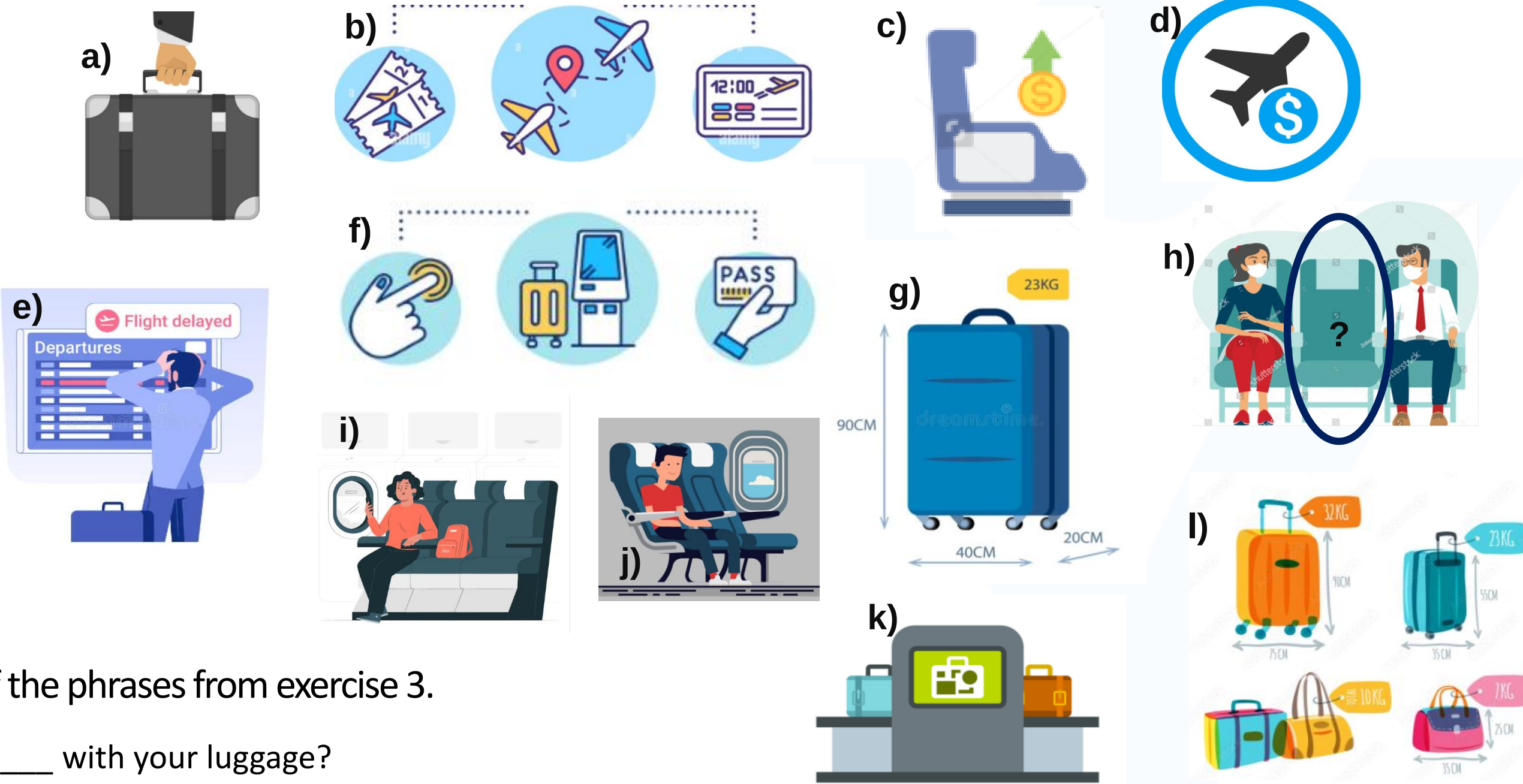
h. seat

i. charges

j. seat

k. upgrade

l. allowances



4. Complete the questions with some of the phrases from exercise 3.

1. Have you ever exceeded the _____ with your luggage?
2. How much _____ do you usually bring on a plane?
3. Do you prefer an _____ or a _____?
4. Have you missed a _____ before?
5. Have you ever asked for a _____?

5. Answer the questions in exercise 4.

6. Tell your teacher / partner about:

- a. your favourite airline and why you like it
- b. one of your airplane trips

extra vocabulary

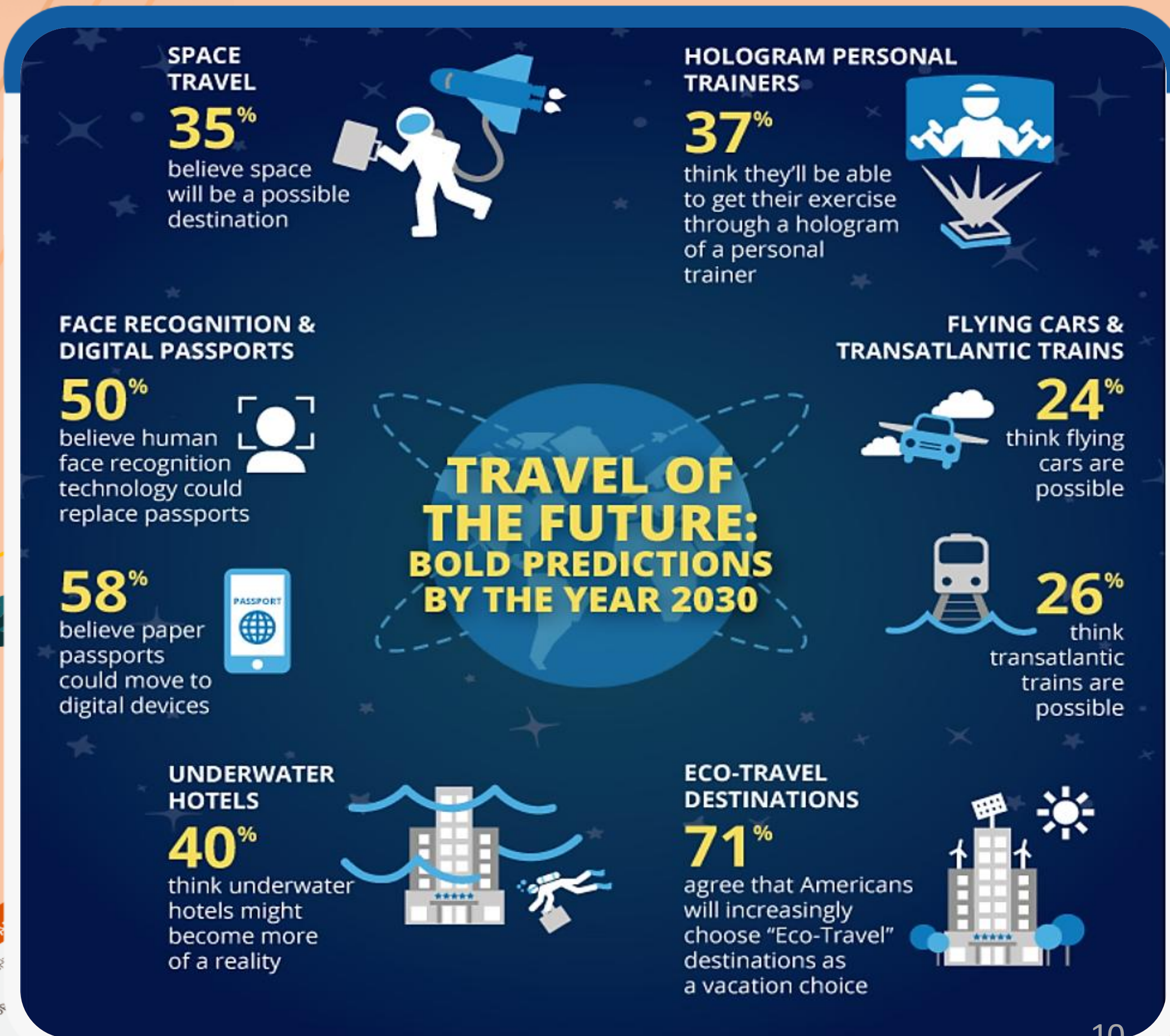
flight attendant (steward / stewardess) - someone who serves passengers on an aircraft.

E.g. The flight attendants demonstrated what we should do in case of an accident.

extra writing

Answer the question **(50-70 words)**:
What makes a good flight attendant?

1. Look at the predictions. Which are the most realistic in your opinion? Why?



2. Read the conversation and complete the notes below:

1. Karen's plans: _____

2. Dave's plans: _____

Hey, Karen! Do you have any plans tomorrow? 😊

Well, **I'm going** to meet a friend, why?

I'm flying to Paris tomorrow to meet a client!

Wow, that's exciting!

Yes! And **I'm staying** at this great hotel right in the city center! Do you think you can take me to the airport? 😊

Sorry, Dave, my car broke down.

No worries, **I'll ask** someone else.

3. Complete the rules (1-3) in the Language point with *will*, *going to* or *present continuous*. Then find examples in exercise 2.

LANGUAGE POINT

1. We use _____ to talk about plans and intentions.
Example: _____
2. We use _____ to make spontaneous decisions (at the moment of speaking).
Example: _____
3. We use _____ for future arrangements (there is a date, a time or a place).
Example: _____

4. Match sentences (1-6) with their uses (a-c).

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|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. I'm going to start learning Spanish. | |
| 2. He's traveling to Japan next year. | a. a future plan or intention |
| 3. I'm busy, sorry. I'll call you back. | b. a future arrangement |
| 4. I'm meeting Tom at the cinema tonight. | c. a spontaneous decision |
| 5. I'll answer the phone, it's ringing. | |
| 6. I'm meeting our client at the airport tomorrow. | |

5. Work with a partner and practice making spontaneous decisions. Speaker A will choose a problem (1-6) from the list and tell Speaker B, starting with "I've got a problem..." Speaker B will offer a solution from the list, start with 'Don't worry, I'll...' (*optional*).

Example:

A: *I've got a problem, I can't log in to my email.*

B: *Don't worry, I'll reset your password for you.*

I've got a problem

1. I've lost the report I need for the meeting.
2. I forgot to reserve a meeting room.
3. I'm late for the meeting.
4. I need to schedule a meeting but I don't know how.
5. I lost my boarding pass.
6. I don't know how to get from the airport to the hotel.

Don't worry, I'll...

- a. ...take you to the airport.
- b. ...print a new one for you.
- c. ...help you find it.
- d. ...call them and explain you are on your way.
- e. ...find another room for us.
- f. ...show you how to use the calendar app.

6. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form (going to, will or Present Continuous).

1. Tomorrow, I (**visit**) our company's branch office in London.
2. Oh no! Our flight was delayed! I (**call**) customer service to complain.
3. I (**upgrade**) our seats to first class. What do you think?
4. The service was great! I (**write**) a thank-you email to your airline's customer service.
5. I can't have dinner with you. I (**meet**) my colleague at 2 p.m.
6. Lucy (**attend**) a workshop on customer service.

7. Think about your plans and say what you *will do / are going to do / are doing* at that time. Choose from the areas below or use your own ideas.

Example:

I'm going to finish work early today because I'm meeting my friends at 6 p.m.

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| • work | • today |
| • travel plans | • tomorrow |
| • learning new skills | • next week |
| • relationships or family | • this summer |
| • where you will live | • next month |
| • meetings | • in one year |
| • business trips | • in three years |

1. Imagine that you need to cut costs at your company. What would you cut and why? Choose from the list below or use your own ideas.

- benefits (company cars, free coffee)
- stationery (paper, pens, pencils)
- air conditioning / heating
- business trips
- salaries
- training

2. Listen to two managers discussing cost-cutting measures and correct the notes.



Audio 7.2

1. They want to reduce training costs.
2. Cutting costs might upset their clients.
3. They decide to cut travel by 70%



Audio 7.2

3. Complete the sentences with the words below. Then listen again and check.

- personally
- should
- disagree
- feel
- think
- plan
- sure

1. What do you _____ about cutting our travel costs?
2. _____, I feel we **should** reduce them because many meetings are now held online.
3. I'm not sure. I _____ because it might upset our clients.
4. I think we _____ try it.
5. How do you _____ **about** reducing travel a little, like 20%?
6. I think that's a good _____.

4. Role play a conversation. Do you think it's a good idea to cut travel costs?

Use the phrases in bold from exercise 3 to agree or disagree with your teacher / partner.

5. Work with your partner / teacher. Use the phrases below to express your opinion on the topics (a-j).
Agree or disagree.

- a. Videoconferencing is better than in-person meetings.
- b. Only managers should travel for business.
- c. Air travel is environmentally friendly
- d. Business trips are too expensive.
- e. Travel helps work relationships.
- f. Travelling for work is tiring.
- g. The aisle seat is the most comfortable seat.
- h. We should use budget airlines for business travel.
- i. If you travel on business, you should always travel first class.
- j. Air travel is the safest form of travel.

Asking for an opinion

- What do you think?
- How do you feel about that?
- Do you agree?

Giving an opinion

- I think that (we should...) / I don't think that (we should...)
- Personally, I feel that (we should...) / I don't feel that (we should...)
- In my opinion ...
- From my point of view ...

Agreeing

- I agree with you.
- I think you're right.

Disagreeing

- I don't agree.
- I don't agree at all.
- I disagree.

1. What are your plans:

- a. after this lesson
- b. for the evening
- c. this week
- d. next week
- e. for the weekend
- f. for the summer

2. Look at Marco's schedule. What is he doing in the next few days?

Tuesday, May 13th

- *Book the tickets*

Wednesday, May 14th

Prague

- *11:00 – check in to the hotel*
- *13:00 – presentation*
- *17:00 – meeting*
- *19:00 – dinner with the client*

Prague

Thursday, May 15th

- *12:00 – meeting with colleagues*
- *sightseeing (?)*

Friday, May 16th

- *08:00 – airport*
- *finish work earlier (?)*





Audio 7.3

3. Listen to the conversation between Marco and his colleague Jamie and answer the questions.

1. What's the problem?
2. What is Marco going to do?
3. What is Jamie going to do?

4. Complete the sentences with the words below.

thinking need possible arrange 'll

1. We _____ to decide what to do.
2. Is it _____ to do this presentation remotely?
3. I'm _____ of looking for a reliable internet connection at the airport.
4. I _____ try to find a quiet place in here.
5. Can we _____ to have a backup plan in case the internet is too slow for video?

5. Read the Key expressions. Ask your teacher if you don't understand any of them.

Describing plans and intentions

- *We're going to...*
- *X is going to...*
- *We hope to...*
- *I plan to...*
- *I intend to...*
- *We aim to...*
- *I'm thinking of...*
- *We have scheduled...*
- *We are preparing to...*
- *We need to decide...*

Asking about plans

- *Are you planning to...?*
- *Can we arrange to...?*
- *Is it possible to...?*
- *Shall we plan to...?*

6. Work with your partner / teacher and discuss the situation below.

Imagine that a group of foreign customers is coming to your company for 3 days. This is their first time in your country. Discuss and plan a schedule. Think about:

1. what they can see at your company
2. which employees they can meet
3. what they can do in their free time



Workation - The Newest Trend In Travel?

1. Read the statements and decide whether the people work from home, from the office or are on a workation.

1. I love working here because it's very comfortable, I can look out and see my garden; it's so relaxing and helps me concentrate.
2. I feel more productive when I'm with my colleagues.
3. I like the weather and the sound of the sea but it's hard to find a reliable internet connection.
4. I like to have a quiet space with all my equipment in one place. And my cat helps me to work!
5. I often feel lonely because I don't have colleagues around me to discuss ideas or problems.

2. What do you like / dislike about your place of work? Discuss with your teacher / partner.



3. Match the phrases (1-10) with their definitions (a-j).

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|----------------------------|--|
| 1. routine | a. see new places |
| 2. to break free | b. work and travel |
| 3. nine to five job | c. a standard day job with fixed hours from 9 am to 5 pm |
| 4. explore the world | d. extremely beautiful sights |
| 5. consider | e. think |
| 6. workation | f. escape |
| 7. office cubicles | g. small offices |
| 8. breathtaking views | h. meet people |
| 9. recharge your batteries | i. a usual way of doing things |
| 10. to network | j. rest |



4. Watch the video and write down 5 reasons why a workation might be your best decision. Do you agree?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3ktCuWNkyw&ab_channel=GetWorkation

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

5. Answer the questions.

1. What is a workation?
2. How does it differ from a regular vacation?
3. Have you ever been on a workation?
4. What are the advantages and disadvantages a workation?
5. What challenges might you face?
6. How do you balance work and leisure on a workation?

extra vocabulary

all work and no play (makes Jack a dull boy) - said to warn someone that they will not be an interesting person by working all the time.

E.g. Work doesn't have to be all work and no play.

extra writing

Answer the question (50-70 words):
Is it a good idea to combine work and travel?

1. Match (1-6) with (a-f) to make phrases.

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. baggage | a. baggage |
| 2. middle | b. upgrade |
| 3. hand | c. allowances |
| 4. seat | d. seat |
| 5. window | e. check-in |
| 6. self-service | f. seat |

2. Complete the sentences with the phrases from exercise 1.

1. I got a _____ to first class.
2. To avoid long lines at the airport, you can use the _____ machines.
3. You can take one piece of _____ on the plane.
4. If you're sitting between two passengers, you're in the _____.
5. Before you fly, check the airline's _____ to see how much luggage you can bring.
6. He asked for a _____ to see the view.



3. Match the phrases (a-g) with the sentences (1-7) that best describe their meaning.

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| a. lose luggage | 1. When you feel tired and confused after a long plane trip because the time zone is different. |
| b. take off | 2. When there are too many cars on the road and everything moves very slowly. |
| c. jet lag | 3. When you arrive too late at the airport and your plane has already left. |
| d. traffic jam | 4. When you cannot find your bags after a flight because the airline misplaced them. |
| e. miss a flight | 5. When you visit famous places in a city |
| f. go sightseeing | 6. When you find try to spend less money on something |
| g. reduce costs | 7. When the airplane leaves the ground and starts flying |

4. Practise making spontaneous decisions.

You are traveling to San Francisco next Thursday to meet a customer but you have some problems. Make a decision in each case, using 'I'll' as in the example.

1. You wanted to stay at the Central City Hotel, but it is overbooked.
2. You forgot to arrange transportation from the airport to your hotel.
3. Your meeting has been moved from Friday morning to Thursday afternoon.
4. You wanted to rent a car, but all the rental agencies are out of vehicles.
5. It's Wednesday evening and you haven't packed your business suit.
6. You arrive at the airport and discover your flight has been delayed by 3 hours.

5. Complete the following conversations using the verb in brackets with "going to," "will," or *the present continuous* for future.

Conversation 1

A: Have you booked the hotel for the conference in New York next week?

B: No, I haven't done that yet. I **(book)** _____ it this afternoon.

A: And what about the conference materials? Did you send them?

B: Oops, not yet. I **(send)** _____ them now.

Conversation 2

A: Did you arrange the client meeting?

B: Yes, I just spoke to them. They **(meet)** _____ us at their headquarters next Thursday at 4 p.m.

A: Should we prepare a presentation?

B: Definitely. I **(start)** _____ preparing it tomorrow.

6. Complete the sentences with your ideas.

1. I am going to...

2. I hope to...

3. I plan to...

4. I intend to...

5. I'm thinking of...

6. I have scheduled...

7. I need to decide...

7. Complete the conversation with the phrases below (a-f).

- a. Personally, I feel that

John: Our flight to Oslo is delayed. _____⁽¹⁾ about our connecting flight?
- b. I agree with you

Maria: _____⁽²⁾ we will miss it.
- c. What do you think

John: _____⁽³⁾. Let's find another flight. And _____⁽⁴⁾ about upgrading our seats?
- d. I disagree

Maria: _____⁽⁵⁾ it's not necessary now.
- e. I think that

John: _____⁽⁶⁾. It could make us more comfortable.
- f. what do you think

Maria: Okay, let's decide this after we check our new flight and baggage allowances.

8. Put the sentences in the correct order.

1. Paris / in / go / I / if / time / have / to / sightseeing / I / hope.
2. baggage / to / hand / only / to / going / I / pack / am / fees / avoid / extra.
3. seat / window / a / get / to / hope / I / my / on / flight / New York / to.
4. upgrade / seat / a / ask / for / to / I / plan / when / airport / the / at / I / check / in.