NAME: _____________________________ DATE: __________________

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) boarded a taxi to the international airport terminal. Then, I (2) checked in at the check-in counter and (3) fastened 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) waited in the departure lounge for about 25 minutes and then I showed my passport and boarding pass before I (5) took the plane. After I boarded the plane, I walked along the aisle and (6) found my seat, and then I (7) fastened down and (8) found my seat belt. I was lucky because my seat was a window seat, so I could look outside as the plane (9) landed. After a few hours, the flight attendants (10) served 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) watched an action movie, and then our plane (12) took-off 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)

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Vocabulary Practice

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

1. airport terminal  B  A. a place where passengers wait to get on a plane
2. aisle            C  B. the building where air passengers arrive
3. check-in         D  C. someone who travels by plane, train (etc.); not the pilot or driver
4. departure lounge E  D. place between a row of seats where you can walk
5. gate            F  E. place to check passengers for guns, illegal things
6. immigration     G  F. the place where passengers get on or off a plane
7. passenger       H  G. place where your passport or visa is checked
8. security        I  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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2. (A) was walk (B) walk (C) walked (D) was walked
3. (A) early (B) will be early (C) am early (D) was early
4. (A) no (B) was not (C) not (D) didn’t
5. (A) for (B) at (C) in (D) to
6. (A) Before (B) After (C) Finally (D) First
7. (A) mine (B) me (C) my (D) your
8. (A) but (B) so (C) however (D) for example
9. (A) a little (B) few (C) little (D) a few
10. (A) your (B) we (C) us (D) ours
11. (A) next (B) behind (C) in front (D) above
12. (A) make (B) made (C) makes (D) was made
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Writing Practice 2

• Don’t look at the paragraph. In your own words, write what you can remember about Adrianna’s flight to London. Use the back of this paper if you need more space.
AIRPORT ARRIVALS TERMINAL

- Ask your partner where these places are.

Airport Bus
Bank
Tourist Info Service
Public Phones
Lost and Found
Your Classmate

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- Ask your partner where these places are.

Taxi Stand  Bank Machines  Elevators
Restaurant  Bus Ticket Desk  Tour Guide

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Writing Practice 3

- **NARRATIVE writing**: Write a short narrative paragraph about a real (or imagined) flight that you took. Remember to use PAST TENSE grammar in your writing. Use some of the words in the box below to help you.

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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

● Grammar-in-Context

● Vocabulary Practice

● 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.)

AIRPORT ARRIVALS TERMINAL
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/

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