

EPISODE 50
LEVEL A1.2/A2.1

READING COMPREHENSION



AFTER THE FLIGHT

When we **get off** (= leave) the plane, **the cabin crew** (= all the flight attendants) and the captain say goodbye and we enter the **arrivals hall** (= the place where we go when we leave the plane). Then we go to the **baggage claim area** (= the area where we can collect our luggage) and wait for our bags to appear on the **conveyor belt** (= a special thing which moves and we can take our luggage from it). Before we leave the airport, we need to go through **customs** (= the place at the airport where our bags are looked at to find out if we have anything illegal). We show there if we have anything to **declare** (= e.g. we carry too much alcohol). If we have something to declare, we will need to go through a red gate and we will be asked to pay some money for it.



Now we are ready to leave the airport and we can **hire** (= rent) **a car** or take a bus or taxi to the city.

More contexts for the new words:

- They **got in** the car and drove away.
(= We get **on** a plane, but we get **in** a car)
- I have **nothing to declare**.
(= I have no things I need to pay extra for)



EXERCISE 1

Decide if the sentences are correct or incorrect. Correct the sentences which are wrong.

1. If you have nothing to declare, you don't have to pay.
2. On a conveyor belt, bags travel around.
3. You are in the arrivals hall before you fly.
4. Customs is the place at the airport where you can have coffee.
5. If you hire a car, you pay for using it for –e.g. – a few days.
6. If you lose your luggage, you go to the baggage claim area.



EXERCISE 2

Use the pictures to complete the questions with key phrases from the text. Then answer the questions.

1. How much time do you usually spend waiting at the conveyor



2. When did you last hire a



3. What do you do while waiting in the claim area?

ENGLISH IN USE



This time we have another example of PASSIVE VOICE. Let's learn about **Future Simple Passive**.

This is a sentence from the text:

... we **will be asked** to pay some money ...

This structure works in the same way as PASSIVE VOICE with modal verbs, so generally it looks like this:

WILL + BE + PAST PARTICIPLE

Here there are some more examples for you to look at:

*This car **will be driven** by him.*

*This computer **will be bought** tomorrow.*

IDIOM CLOSE-UP



A/ How did John react when Susan broke up with him?
B/ Oh, he **FLEW INTO A RAGE!**

If you **fly into a rage** (or a fly into a temper), you suddenly become extremely angry.

PHRASAL VERBS CLOSE-UP



1. If you **GET OUT OF** something, you avoid doing something unpleasant.

You can't **get out of** waiting at the conveyor belt.
I'll try to **get out of** the family dinner. I hate such meetings.

2. If you **GET AWAY WITH** something, you do something bad and are not punished for it.

He was hoping he could **get away with** bringing too much alcohol, but he was caught at the customs.
Sarah is such a sweet child. She can **get away with** basically anything.



EXERCISE 3

Rewrite the sentences keeping the same meaning and using the word in capitals. Use the idiom and phrasal verbs you have learned in this lesson.

1. He cheated in the exam, but wasn't punished.

AWAY

2. I said I'd meet him, but now I no longer want to.

OUT

3. He got really angry when he heard the news.

FLEW



NEWS

LOST LUGGAGE

Sarah Brown, an accountant from New York City, spent sixteen hours at London Heathrow Airport. The traveler was waiting for her luggage, which **failed** to appear on the conveyor belt. She **refused** to leave the baggage claim area, claiming that inside the luggage was her cat! After the sixteen hours, the police appeared, and arrested her for breaking **flight safety regulations**. The suitcase with the cat was never found...

GLOSSARY

- **to fail to do sth** – not to do sth you should do
- **to refuse** – to say 'no, I will not do that'
- **flight safety regulations** – rules which make plane travel safe

KEY TO EXERCISES

Ex.1

1. correct
2. correct
3. incorrect - You are in the arrivals hall **after** you fly.
4. incorrect - Customs is the place at the airport where **they check if you have anything illegal**.
5. correct
6. incorrect - You go to the baggage claim area to get your baggage **after the flight**.

Ex.2

1. belt
2. car
3. baggage

Ex.3

1. He cheated in the exam, but got away with it.
2. I said I'd meet him, but now I want to get out of it.
3. He flew into a rage when he heard the news.