10 - VOCABULARY: LIST OF PHRASES FOR FLYING

Most people travel by air – especially for a **long-haul destination** or for a short **weekend break** or **city break**.

If you are travelling a long distance, you might have a **layover** (or **stop-over**) for a few hours at an airport, or you might get a **connecting flight** (where you change aeroplanes).

When you arrive at the airport, you first **check in** at the **check-in desk**. If you have luggage for the **hold**, you weigh it here. Your luggage is taken onto the plane by **baggage handlers**.

You can take **hand luggage (carry-on luggage)** with you onto the plane. You get a **boarding pass** (or **boarding card**) to get on the aeroplane.

After this, you **go through security** (where your hand luggage is **x-rayed**) and also through **passport control**, where your passport is checked.

In most airports you also see police and their **sniffer dogs**, who patrol for explosives. You can also go **duty-free shopping**, where you can buy things at a lower price. Check that you don't **go over** (= exceed) your **duty-free allowance**, or you will have to pay **duty** (tax) when you arrive at your destination.

When you are on the plane, the **cabin crew** look after you. There's often an **in-flight meal** and the pilot usually makes an announcement about the **flight route** and **flying altitude**.

When you arrive, find out which **conveyor belt** (**baggage claim – carousel**) your suitcases arrive on. Then when you collect your luggage, you need to **go through customs** and declare anything that you need to pay extra tax on.

From there, you can **take public transport** to your hotel, get a taxi, or go to the **car-rental desk** – if you are going to **hire / rent a car**.

You can expect **long queues** in airports at certain times of the year, or if flights are **delayed**, for example. Sometimes, airport staff **go on strike** which can also cause delays.

If the **flying time** is long, you can have **jet lag** when you arrive, as your body tries to adjust to the **different time-zone**.