

The top ten problems when flying

Problem	Disaster rating
<i>Your luggage has been lost. The ultimate disaster!</i>	10/10
<i>You realise your passport has expired as you check in. This is a serious disaster which includes the hassle (extra effort) of getting a new passport.</i>	10/10
<i>Your seat is overbooked. This is not only a disaster but very difficult to deal with (manage). Where else do you pay for something with no guarantee of delivery?!</i>	10/10
<i>Your flight is cancelled. This could mess up (disrupt) your plans and cost you time and money.</i>	9/10
<i>There is a security scare at the airport. The consequence is hard to predict but could cause significant disruption.</i>	8/10
<i>It is foggy around the runway. Again this could be serious and cause delays and cancellations.</i>	8/10
<i>You have forgotten your passport. This could be a disaster but if you live near to the airport you might still be able to catch your flight.</i>	7/10
<i>Your flight is delayed. This could be disastrous or simply a frustration depending on whether you have a business meeting, connecting flights etc.</i>	6/10
<i>There is a drunken party of rugby players on your flight. Relax and watch a movie and try and ignore those around you.</i>	5/10
<i>There is a huge queue at check in or security. This is very frustrating but not a disaster.</i>	4/10

Airport Phrasal Verbs

- *I need to **check in**.* I need to register for a flight by giving my passport and ticket to the attendant at the check in desk.
- *It is so annoying my flight has been **put back**.* It is so annoying that the flight is delayed.
- *I missed my flight because my car **broke down**.* I missed my flight because my car stopped working.
- *I hate it when people try and **push in** at the queue for security.* I hate it when people try and aggressively force their way into the queue.
- *I was **dropped off** at arrivals by the taxi.* The taxi took me to arrivals.
- *I **set off** at 6.00am to get my flight.* I left my house at 6.00am to get my flight.
- *The flight **gets in** at 9pm.* The flight arrives at 9pm.
- *I need to **pick up** my son from the airport.* I need to collect my son from the airport.

Quote of the month

"There are few places you can find silence. Air travel could be the last fortress of solitude."
Regina Brett

Adjectives ('ed' or 'ing')

Remember an important difference in using adjectives to describe feelings.

- ✓ **I am bored.** (*I am talking about my feelings*)
- ✓ **It is boring.** (*I am talking about the event or circumstance that causes this feeling.*)

Prepositions corner

- 1) I am away **on** a business trip **for** four days.
- 2) I am travelling **to** Morocco.
- 3) I am travelling **from** Frankfurt.
- 4) I am travelling **with** LuxAir.
- 5) The hotel was **in** the middle of nowhere.
- 6) The flight was subject **to** long delays.
- 7) All non EU citizens must be **in** possession **of** a valid visa **on** arrival **to** Heathrow, London.
- 8) Prior **to** departure all baggage must be securely stowed (secured) **in** the overhead compartments.
- 9) In compliance **to** local customs you must remove your shoes.
- 10) In the event **of** turbulence, you must fasten your seat belt.
- 11) We will arrive **at** 16.45.
- 12) We are being met **by** our friends at the airport.

