

Vocabulary: In the Airport

When you go to the airport, you first need to **check in**. Find your airline, then go to the check-in **counter**. For international flights, you are required to **present** your passport, but for **domestic** flights only a **photo ID** is **required**. When you booked your ticket, you probably got a **confirmation number**. You should show this too, **just in case**. The airline **agent** will ask if you want to **check luggage** or if you only have **carry-on luggage**. You should check your large luggage, but you can carry smaller suitcases on the plane. After the agent gives you your **boarding passes**, you can go through **security**.

VOCABULARY

check in – to get your boarding passes (tickets) and check your luggage

counter – the desk or place where you do business (check in, pay money, etc.)

present – to show and give something to someone

domestic – within the country

international - outside of the country

photo ID – an official ID with a photo (such as a driver's license or passport)

confirmation number – the number you get when you buy a ticket

agent – the person at the check-in counter who works for the airline

check luggage – to put your (larger) suitcases in the bottom of the airplane

carry-on luggage – smaller bags that you can carry on the plane (small suitcases, backpacks, purses, etc.)

boarding passes – your ticket, which you must have to get on the plane

security – the part of the airport where they inspect passengers' bags and make sure that they don't have any weapons or anything illegal



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Just in case – You say “just in case” when you know there might be a problem in the future and you do something to prepare for this problem. (For example: “I don't know if it will rain today, but I will bring an umbrella just in case.”)

Fill in the blanks with a vocabulary word in the box below.

check-in	present	confirmation number
domestic	agent	
international	counter	boarding passes
security	check	

1. The airline agent will give you your _____ when you check in.
2. This is an _____ flight, so you will need to bring your passport.
3. When I went through _____, they told me I couldn't take my pocket knife on the plane.
4. Please wait in line for the next available _____.
5. After I paid for my plane ticket, the travel agent gave me a _____.
6. Many _____ airlines do not have international flights.
7. You can buy a ticket at the _____ if you don't have one.
8. My suitcase was too big, so I had to _____ it.
9. When you go through security, they might ask you to _____ your passport and boarding pass.
10. We need to _____ before we can go through security.