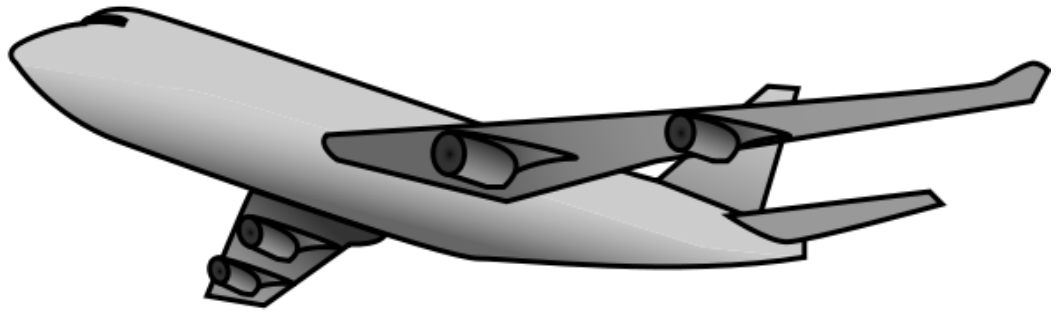


When you are buying plane tickets for your vacation, you have many options. You can buy the tickets directly from the **airline**, or you can go to a **travel agency** and speak to a **travel agent** who will help you find the best **deals**. Many people **prefer** **online travel agencies** such as Travelocity, Expedia, or Orbitz, where they can compare prices, **book flights and hotels**, and even **reserve a rental car**.



You can sometimes find cheaper tickets if you travel as part of a **tour group**. A travel agent can help you buy a **package deal**, which includes your flight, hotel, meals, activities and entertainment. The tour group **arranges** all of the activities, and the members of the tour group **go sightseeing** to famous **tourist sites** together. Many people like travelling this way, but others prefer to be more **independent** and **strike out on their own**.

*Circle any words that you don't know, and look them up in a dictionary.*

