

FUMC ESL 10-21-2024 Higher Level Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell how long it takes to fly to your home city? How often do you fly home?

A Delayed Flight

Jonas is at the airport in Los Angeles. He is very tired after a fifteen hour flight from Hong Kong. But Jonas still needs to fly home to Atlanta.

Jonas walks toward the gate. He walks quickly because his flight leaves in thirty minutes. He is hungry, but he doesn't have time to get something to eat. At the gate, Jonas looks at the monitor. His flight, 631, is delayed by an hour. Jonas is disappointed. He really wants to get home.

Jonas goes to an airport restaurant and eats a sandwich. He goes to an airport store and buys a book. Then he returns to his gate.

At the gate, Jonas hears an announcement. His flight is delayed again. This time it's by forty-five minutes. Jonas is very frustrated, but what can he do? He sits down and opens his book. He reads a few pages, but his eyes feel very heavy. Jonas slowly closes his eyes and falls asleep.

Suddenly, Jonas wakes up and looks around. What happened to all the people waiting at the gate? He asks the airline employee, "Where is everyone?" She tells Jonas he missed his flight. She explains he will have to buy a new ticket to Atlanta. "There's a flight leaving for Atlanta in about an hour," said the airline worker. It leaves from another gate.

Jonas gathers his things and walks to the new gate. When he arrives he hears an announcement. "This flight is delayed for two hours." Jonas can't believe his ears.

1. Where is Jonas? Where did he fly from? Where will he fly to now?
2. What does Jonas find out about his flight?
3. What does Jonas do while he waits for his delayed flight?
4. Jonas' flight is delayed again. What does he do now?
5. How did Jonas miss his flight?
6. Jonas gets another flight. What does he discover when he gets to the new gate?
7. Have you ever missed a flight?
8. Has your flight ever been delayed?

Read this conversation and answer the questions.

Passenger: My flight arrived one hour late. Did I miss my connecting flight?

Airline Employee: What city are you flying to?

Passenger: I'm flying to my home in Austin, TX. My flight number is 889. Has it left?

Airline employee: No, it hasn't left yet. It was delayed. It is loading now. You should hurry. You can probably make it.

Passenger: That's great. What gate will the flight leave from?

Airline Employee: It will leave from terminal B, gate 4.

Passenger: What terminal are we in now?

Airline Employee: This is terminal E.

Passenger: That is very far from terminal B. Terminal B is in a different building. It will take me 30 minutes or more to walk that far. How will I get there on time?

Airline Employee: There is a train. Go down to the first level. The trains run between all the terminals. There will be a train every 10 minutes. Get on the train and get off at Terminal E. Gate 4 isn't far from the train stop. I think you can make it. I will call the gate attendant and tell her you are on the way.

Passenger: Thank you. I will leave right away.

1. What is a connecting flight?
2. Why is the passenger worried about her connecting flight?
3. Where is the passenger headed?
4. Has the connecting flight left?
5. What terminal does the flight leave from?
6. What terminal is she in now?
7. How long will it take the passenger to walk to the other terminal?
8. The airline employee tells her there is a faster way than walking. What is it?
9. What will the airline employee tell the gate attendant on the connecting flight?
10. Do you fly often? Do you have any questions about airports or flights?

Discuss:

1-When you travel, do you **travel light**? What are the advantages of traveling light? What are the disadvantages?

2-My husband and I like to take **road trips**. We usually take the **scenic route**. Do you enjoy road trips? Do you prefer going directly there or taking the scenic route? Do you like to **stop and smell the roses**? Talk about a road trip you have taken.

3-When we travel, we like to **get an early start**. But we don't get up **at the crack of dawn**. When you are on a trip do you like to get an early start or get **a leisurely start**. What are the advantages and disadvantages to both?

4-When we were young, my husband and I traveled on **a shoestring budget**. We stayed at cheaper hotels and didn't go to expensive places. Now that we're older, we prefer to spend more money on our vacations. We like to stay in nicer hotels and eat at nicer restaurants. I think it's just the **stage of life** we are in. When you are older, you like to be comfortable. How do you like to travel?

5-Do you watch **in-flight movies** when you fly? What do you do to pass the time on a long flight? Is it easy for you to sleep on flights? Do crying babies bother you on flights?

6-Is it OK to put your seat back all the way down, or is this rude to the person behind you?

7-A flight that leaves late at night and arrives early the next morning is a **red-eye flight**. Have you ever taken a red-eye flight?

8-When you are on a car trip, are you a **backseat driver**? Does this annoy your spouse?