

# Episode 13: On the Plane



## Pre-Reading

Match up as many words and meanings as you can. Check this exercise again after seeing the words in context on pages 2–3.

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| ___ 1. land              | a) a drink   |
| ___ 2. complimentary     | b) free of charge  |
| ___ 3. fasten            | c) wonderful   |
| ___ 4. upright           | d) to tie, to hold together  |
| ___ 5. stow              | e) the workers on an airplane  |
| ___ 6. cruising altitude | f) straight, not leaning   |
| ___ 7. beverage          | g) to put away carefully in a small space  |
| ___ 8. marvelous         | h) to come back down to the ground   |
| ___ 9. cheers            | i) the height a plane reaches after takeoff and maintains for most of the flight |
| ___ 10. crew             | j) an expression used when making a toast  |

## Reading

Read the dialogue out loud with a partner.  
Underline any words or phrases you don't understand.



**Flight Attendant**



**Ellen**



**Martin**



Here are our seats. Row 4, seats A and B.



Too bad we're in economy and not business class or first class.  
That would be a perfect ending to a wonderful holiday.



You're right. But it really was a great vacation, wasn't it?



Welcome aboard Flight 627 destined for Calgary. Our estimated flying time this evening is four hours. We're expecting to **land** at 9:30 local time. In preparation for takeoff, please ensure that your seat belt is securely **fastened** and your seatback and tabletop are in the **upright** position. All carry-on bags should be safely **stowed** in the overhead compartments or beneath the seat in front of you. In the event of a change in cabin pressure, an oxygen mask will fall from the compartment above you. Please put on the mask and pull the strings so it fits tightly. Please take a few minutes to read the safety instructions in the seat pocket in front of you. When we reach our **cruising altitude**, the captain will turn off the seat belt sign and you may move about the cabin. This aircraft is equipped with two lavatories, one in the front of the plane and the other at the rear. If we experience air turbulence during the flight, please return to your seats and fasten your seat belts. Soon after we have reached cruising altitude, the cabin **crew** will be coming through the cabin to offer you a **beverage**. Juices, soft drinks, coffee, and tea are **complimentary**. Beer, wine, and other alcoholic beverages are \$5. Please enjoy your flight.



Let's have a drink, Ellen. The flight attendant is coming with the beverage cart.



## Reading cont.



Would you like something to drink?



I'll have a glass of white wine, please.



And for you, sir?



I'll have a glass of red wine.



That will be \$10, please.



Here you go.



Thank you.



Well, let's drink a toast to a **marvelous** holiday.



And to many more in the future. **Cheers!**



Cheers!

# Comprehension

## A. True or False?

Read the statements below.

If the statement is true based on the reading, write T beside the sentence.

If it is false, write F and correct the information in your notebook.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Martin and Ellen would prefer to be sitting in first class.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Martin and Ellen are sitting in the back of the plane.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. All carry-on bags must be stowed in the overhead compartments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. A flight attendant is a member of the flight crew.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. There is no charge for a glass of Coke.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Ellen's drink is complimentary.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The Baxters enjoyed their trip to New York.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Martin doesn't think they will have many more trips in the future.

## B. Multiple-Choice

Circle the correct answer for each question.

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| <p>1. How long is the flight?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 9:30</li> <li>b) five hours</li> <li>c) four hours</li> <li>d) 6 hours and 27 minutes</li> </ul>   | <p>3. When will the seat belt sign be turned off?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) when the plane takes off</li> <li>b) when the plane has reached its cruising altitude</li> <li>c) when the plane lands</li> <li>d) when there is turbulence</li> </ul> |
| <p>2. Where are the safety instructions located?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) in the seat pockets</li> <li>b) in the overhead compartments</li> <li>c) in the cart</li> <li>d) in the lavatory</li> </ul> | <p>4. What will the captain do if there is turbulence?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) turn the seat belt sign on</li> <li>b) drop the oxygen masks</li> <li>c) land the plane</li> <li>d) put the passengers' seats in an upright position</li> </ul>   |

## Comprehension cont.

### C. Complete the Sentences

Choose the correct phrase to complete each sentence.

1. Our estimated flying time is...
  - a) the captain will turn off the seat belt sign.
  - b) non-alcoholic beverages are complimentary.
  - c) four hours.
  - d) or beneath the seat in front of you.
2. In preparation for takeoff...
  - a) you may use the washroom.
  - b) an oxygen mask will fall from the compartment above you.
  - c) in the seat pocket in front of you.
  - d) please ensure your seatback is in the upright position.
3. All carry-on bags must be stowed in the overhead compartments...
  - a) or beneath the seat in front of you.
  - b) the captain will turn the seat belt sign back on.
  - c) four hours.
  - d) in the seat pocket in front of you.
4. Please take a few minutes to read the safety instructions...
  - a) in the seat pocket in front of you.
  - b) to offer drinks from the beverage cart.
  - c) an oxygen mask will fall from the compartment above you.
  - d) or beneath the seat in front of you.
5. When we reach our cruising altitude...
  - a) four hours.
  - b) please ensure your seatback is in the upright position.
  - c) the captain will turn off the seat belt sign.
  - d) the captain will turn the seat belt sign back on.
6. When the captain turns off the seat belt sign...
  - a) you may use the washroom.
  - b) in the seat pocket in front of you.
  - c) to offer drinks from the beverage cart.
  - d) the captain will turn the seat belt sign back on.
7. In the event of a change in cabin pressure...
  - a) please ensure your seatback is in the upright position.
  - b) you may use the washroom.
  - c) the captain will turn off the seat belt sign.
  - d) an oxygen mask will fall from the compartment above you.
8. If we experience turbulence...
  - a) or beneath the seat in front of you.
  - b) the captain will turn the seat belt sign back on.
  - c) non-alcoholic beverages are complimentary.
  - d) to offer drinks from the beverage cart.
9. The flight attendant is coming through the cabin...
  - a) you may use the washroom.
  - b) the captain will turn off the seat belt sign.
  - c) to offer drinks from the beverage cart.
  - d) four hours.
10. Wine is offered for \$5, but...
  - a) you may use the washroom.
  - b) non-alcoholic beverages are complimentary.
  - c) an oxygen mask will fall from the compartment above you.
  - d) in the seat pocket in front of you.

# Vocabulary Review

## A. Complete the Sentences

Complete the sentences using the vocabulary on page 1.  
You may need to change the word forms.

1. Our hotel offers a \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast, so we don't have to go out to eat in the mornings.
2. Would you like a \_\_\_\_\_ with your meal? We have juice, soft drinks, and beer.
3. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ time on the cruise. We're planning on going again next year.
4. We all raised our glasses and said, " \_\_\_\_\_ " after the best man made a toast to the bride and groom.
5. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ your seat belt if the seat belt sign comes on.
6. The flight attendant asked me to put my seatback into an \_\_\_\_\_ position for landing.
7. I don't mind flying, but I get nervous when the plane is about to \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. They had a great flight home. The cabin \_\_\_\_\_ was so friendly and helpful.

## B. Odd One Out

Circle the word that doesn't belong in each group.

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|--|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a) fasten<br/>b) close<br/>c) upright<br/>d) buckle</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. a) great<br/>b) wonderful<br/>c) cheers<br/>d) marvelous</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. a) put away<br/>b) store<br/>c) cruise<br/>d) stow</li> </ol>             |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. a) drink<br/>b) beverage<br/>c) water<br/>d) snack</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. a) workers<br/>b) crew<br/>c) employees<br/>d) stow</li> </ol>      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. a) free<br/>b) beverage<br/>c) complimentary<br/>d) a courtesy</li> </ol> |

# Answer Key

## LESSON DESCRIPTION:

In this lesson, the Baxters head home after their trip to New York. Students listen to an airline announcement and review vocabulary used on airplanes.

**LEVEL:** Int

**TIME:** 1–2 hours

**TAGS:** travel, traveling, travelling, plane, airplane, flight, flight announcement, crew, flight attendant

## Pre-Reading

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|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. h | 3. d | 5. g | 7. a | 9. j  |
| 2. b | 4. f | 6. i | 8. c | 10. e |

## Reading (and/or Listening)

Play the audio as your students read along. Then have students practise reading the dialogue with a partner. Monitor their pronunciation. Go over any difficult vocabulary and useful phrases as a class.

## Comprehension

### A. TRUE OR FALSE?

- T
- F – Martin and Ellen are in row 4, which is near the front.
- F – Carry-on bags can also be stowed under the seats.
- T
- T
- F – Ellen’s drink is \$5 because it is alcoholic.
- T
- F – Martin hopes to have many more trips in the future.

### B. MULTIPLE-CHOICE

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|------|------|------|------|
| 1. c | 2. a | 3. b | 4. a |
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### C. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

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|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. c | 3. a | 5. c | 7. d | 9. c  |
| 2. d | 4. a | 6. a | 8. b | 10. b |

## Vocabulary Review

### A. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

- |                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| 1. complimentary | 5. fasten  |
| 2. beverage      | 6. upright |
| 3. marvelous     | 7. land    |
| 4. Cheers        | 8. crew    |

### B. ODD ONE OUT

- |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. c | 2. d | 3. c | 4. d | 5. c | 6. b |
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## Dialogue Building

This optional task is included at the end of the lesson. Students should cut up the strips and rearrange them into the correct order.












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|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1. j | 4. n | 7. e | 10. b | 13. l |
| 2. m | 5. g | 8. f | 11. o | 14. h |
| 3. c | 6. d | 9. k | 12. i | 15. a |

## Word Bank

These optional sheets are included at the end of the lesson. Here are some ideas for use: Give to students for extra review, cut up the entries and definitions to use for a matchup task, give to students and have them write their own example sentences in their notebooks, have students keep them in a vocabulary journal, etc.

## Dialogue Building


The dialogue below is not in the right order. Cut up the strips, and then work alone or with a partner to rearrange them into the correct order. Then practise the dialogue.


<b>a</b>		Cheers!
<b>b</b>		That will be \$10, please.
<b>c</b>		You're right. But it really was a great vacation, wasn't it?
<b>d</b>		Would you like something to drink?
<b>e</b>		I'll have a glass of white wine, please.
<b>f</b>		And for you, sir?
<b>g</b>		Let's have a drink, Ellen. The flight attendant is coming with the beverage cart.
<b>h</b>		And to many more in the future. Cheers!
<b>i</b>		Thank you.
<b>j</b>		Here are our seats. Row 4, seats A and B.
<b>k</b>		I'll have a glass of red wine.







## Dialogue Building cont.

**I**  Well, let's drink a toast to a marvelous holiday.

**m**  Too bad we're in economy and not business class or first class. That would be a perfect ending to a wonderful holiday.

**n**  Welcome aboard Flight 627, destined for Calgary. Our estimated flying time this evening is four hours. We're expecting to land at 9:30 local time. In preparation for takeoff, please ensure that your seatbelt is securely fastened and your seatback and tabletop are in the upright position. All carry-on bags should be safely stowed in the overhead compartments or beneath the seat in front of you. In the event of a change in cabin pressure, an oxygen mask will fall from the compartment above you. Please put on the mask and pull the strings so it fits tightly. Please take a few minutes to read the safety instructions in the seat pocket in front of you. When we reach our cruising altitude, the captain will turn off the seatbelt sign and you may move about the cabin. This aircraft is equipped with two lavatories, one in the front of the plane and the other at the rear. If we experience air turbulence during the flight, please return to your seats and fasten your seat belts. Soon after we have reached cruising altitude, the cabin crew will be coming through the cabin to offer you a beverage. Juices, soft drinks, coffee, and tea are complimentary. Beer, wine, and other alcoholic beverages are \$5. Please enjoy your flight.

**o**  Here you go.

## Word Bank

WORD	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
<b>economy</b>	the usual or cheapest type of air travel which most air passengers use	The people in <b>economy</b> had a chicken sandwich for their meal, while those in first class had a delicious steak.
<b>business class</b>	a higher level of air travel than economy, but less expensive than first class	He always travels <b>business class</b> when he goes on trips for his company because it is more comfortable than economy.
<b>first class</b>	the highest and most expensive level of air travel with the most comforts	If you travel overseas in <b>first class</b> , your seat turns into a bed and you can sleep easily on the long flight.
<b>destined</b>	directed to a certain place	This plane is <b>destined</b> for Los Angeles.
<b>estimate</b>	to give an opinion about the approximate size, number, length of time, etc.	I <b>estimate</b> that it will take about five hours to walk that distance.
<b>land</b>	to touch ground, to come down to the ground after being in the sky	When the airplane <b>landed</b> , we unfastened our seat belts.
<b>takeoff</b>	leaving the ground	You must fasten your seat belt for <b>takeoff</b> .
<b>securely</b>	safely, tightly, not likely to cause any danger	Make sure the doors and windows are <b>securely</b> locked before you leave.
<b>fasten</b>	to tie, join together, or do up	The flight attendant told us to <b>fasten</b> our seat belts because the flight was going to be bumpy.
<b>upright</b>	straight, not leaning	The airplane seats can lean back, but you must put them in an <b>upright</b> position when you take off and land.
<b>stow</b>	to pack or put away in a small space	The boys <b>stowed</b> their bags under the beds in the small cabin.



## Word Bank cont.

WORD	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
<b>compartment</b>	a place or space to keep things, a separate room or space divided off from a larger structure	He hid the key in a secret <b>compartment</b> in his desk.
<b>cabin</b>	the room or inside of an airplane where the passengers sit	During the long flight, many passengers got out of their seats and walked around the <b>cabin</b> .
<b>oxygen mask</b>	a device used in an airplane to help with breathing if there is a change in air pressure	When the airplane started to bump up and down, the <b>oxygen masks</b> fell from the ceiling and everyone placed them over their faces.
<b>cruising altitude</b>	the height an airplane reaches after takeoff and maintains for most of the flight	You can unfasten your seat belt when the plane reaches its <b>cruising altitude</b> .
<b>equipped</b>	supplied with what is needed, having	I'm renting an apartment in Florida for a month. It is fully furnished and the kitchen is <b>equipped</b> with dishes, pots, pans, etc.
<b>lavatory</b>	a toilet, a bathroom	This is a small plane and it only has one <b>lavatory</b> .
<b>air turbulence</b>	bumpiness or shaking when flying in an airplane	We had to keep our seat belts fastened during the whole flight because there was so much <b>air turbulence</b> .
<b>crew</b>	people working on an airplane, ship, etc.	The members of the <b>crew</b> were all very friendly and helpful, which made our long flight quite enjoyable.
<b>beverage</b>	a drink	Would you like a <b>beverage</b> before you have your dinner?



## Word Bank cont.

WORD	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
<b>complimentary</b>	given free of charge	The drinks were <b>complimentary</b> on the plane, but we had to pay for our sandwiches.
<b>beverage cart</b>	a type of wagon or box with wheels used for carrying drinks	The <b>beverage cart</b> held juice, soft drinks, tea, and coffee.
<b>toast</b>	a wish for happiness, success, etc. made when raising a glass of wine or some other beverage	Let's make a <b>toast</b> to our mother on this special 50th birthday celebration.
<b>marvelous</b>	wonderful	We had a <b>marvelous</b> time at the party and didn't want it to end.
<b>cheers</b>	an expression used when raising glasses and making a toast	On New Year's Eve, at exactly midnight, we raised our glasses and both said " <b>Cheers</b> " at the same time.