

Practice Using Words from the Word Category Chart

Fill in the blanks with words from the word category for *air transportation*.

Traveling by air is one of the major conveniences of the twentieth century. The whole field of _____ is geared to meet our needs for safe, efficient, and fast transportation. After a recent trip on a major _____, a passenger wrote the following account:

I began preparations for my trip early by calling the airline and making _____. A few days later, I received my ticket telling me my _____ number and the times of _____ from my city and _____ at my destination. I was advised to arrive at the airline _____ an hour before takeoff in order to _____ for my flight, receive my seat _____, and _____ my baggage. It is important not to be late or you might _____ the flight. On the day of my flight, I went to the ticket _____ where I was directed to the waiting area of the _____ from which my airplane would depart. As I entered this area, I was checked through the _____ system. While I was waiting, I noticed how busy everyone was. The _____ were checking the plane for last minute repairs, and a large truck was _____ the plane with gasoline to make it ready for takeoff.

People in the _____ tower of the airport have a lot of responsibility. These _____ must supervise incoming and _____ flights and carefully monitor _____ and takeoffs. They must be sure that the _____ are clear and that weather conditions are relayed to the _____ of the airplanes using the _____.

When my flight was called, I _____ the airplane. I was pleasantly greeted by the _____ and offered reading material and, after take-off, drinks and food. The weather was good, and there was no air _____ to cause us worry or discomfort. Although my flight was trouble free, during the holidays air travel becomes more hectic. Often airlines sell too many tickets for a flight and are then _____. Some unlucky passengers will be _____ and asked to reschedule on a later flight. Bad weather might also cause a later takeoff, and this _____ often results in missed _____ at the next stop. One of the most annoying aspects of air travel at holiday season is the possibility of _____ your luggage. I always try to carry on with me enough clothing for several days. On the whole, however, air travel is worth the expense. It is fast, safe, and usually reliable.

Answer key:

Traveling by air is one of the major conveniences of the twentieth century. The whole field of **aviation** is geared to meet our needs for safe, efficient, and fast transportation. After a recent trip on a major **airline**, a passenger wrote the following account:

I began preparations for my trip early by calling the airline and making a **reservation**. A few days later, I received my ticket telling me my **flight** number and the times of **departure** from my city and **arrival** at my destination. I was advised to arrive at the airline **terminal** an hour before takeoff in order to **check in** for my flight, receive my seat **assignment**, and **check** my baggage. It is important not to be late or you might **miss** the flight. On the day of my flight, I went to the ticket **counter** where I was directed to the waiting area of the **gate** from which my airplane would depart. As I entered this area, I was checked through the **security** system. While I was waiting, I noticed how busy everyone was. The **mechanics** were checking the plane for last minute repairs, and a large truck was **fueling** the plane with gasoline to make it ready for takeoff.

People in the **control** tower of the airport have a lot of responsibility. These **air traffic controllers** must supervise incoming and **outgoing** flights and carefully monitor **landings** and takeoffs. They must be sure that the **runways** are clear and that weather conditions are relayed to the **pilots** of the airplanes using the **airfield**.

When my flight was called, I **boarded** the airplane. I was pleasantly greeted by the **flight attendants** and offered reading material and, after take-off, drinks and food. The weather was good, and there was no air **turbulence** to cause us worry or discomfort. Although my flight was trouble free, during the holidays air travel becomes more hectic. Often airlines sell too many tickets for a flight and are then **overbooked**. Some unlucky passengers will be **bumped** and asked to reschedule on a later flight. Bad weather might also cause a later takeoff, and this **delay** often results in missed **connections** at the next stop. One of the most annoying aspects of air travel at holiday season is the possibility of **losing** your luggage. I always try to carry on with me enough clothing for several days. On the whole, however, air travel is worth the expense. It is fast, safe, and usually reliable.