

## 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.