

Dialogue: Arrival!

Jimmy and his mother's airplane just landed.

Jimmy: Yay! We're here! Now we can go see Grandma!

Mom: Not yet. First we have to go to **baggage claim**.

Jimmy: Awww. . . . baggage claim takes forever! Will Grandma pick us up?

Mom: No, sorry Jimmy. After we get our bags we have to find **ground transport** and take a **taxi** to Grandma's house.

Jimmy! Awwww!

Mom: I know, it's **a pain**. Just be **patient** – we'll be there soon!

Jimmy! Do we have to go through security again?

Mom: Nope! You don't have to go through security when you **arrive**. Only when you **depart**.

Jimmy: Can we get some food before we go to Grandma's house?

Mom: But you just ate on the plane! I thought you were **eager** to go see Grandma?!

Jimmy: I am, but the plane food tasted like **cardboard**. I need to get some real food.

Mom: Well, why don't we take our luggage to Grandma's house first, and then we can all go out and eat together.

Jimmy: (sigh) Okay. I thought travelling was supposed **to** be fun!

Mom: Travelling can be a little **stressful**, but we're going to have a great time on vacation!

VOCABULARY

baggage claim – the place in the airport where you get your luggage, after your plane lands.

ground transport – cars, buses, and other vehicles that drive “on the ground” (instead of in the air or on the water).

taxi – a car (usually a yellow car) that you pay money to take you somewhere.

a pain – if something is “a pain” it is annoying or difficult and you don’t want to do it.

patient – being calm and waiting without getting angry.

arrive – to get to your destination (the place you are going to).

depart – to leave a place and begin travelling to your destination; (the opposite of “arrive”).

eager – to be excited to do something (also: “looking forward to”)

cardboard – a kind of hard, thick, brown paper, often used to make boxes. (If you say “the food tastes like cardboard”, this means that the food does not have much flavor and is not very good.)

stressful – if something is “stressful”, it makes you feel a lot of stress or pressure.

Fill in the blanks with a vocabulary word in the box below.

taxi

patient

arrive

eager

cardboard

depart

baggage claim

a pain

stressful

1. I prefer to take a bus, because it is cheaper than taking a _____.
2. James can't wait for Christmas vacation because he is _____ to go on vacation with his family.
3. Moving to a new house can be very _____. People often get in arguments during this time.
4. I can't stand travelling to other countries! Going through customs is such _____!
5. I need to make a sign for the garage sale. Can you help me find a large piece of _____ to write on?
6. After we go through _____, we can get a taxi.
7. This flight from New York to London _____ on Friday morning and _____ on Friday evening.
8. Don't cut in front of other people in line. You need to stand still and be _____.