

# Catching Flights



The worksheets in this chapter are based on the following areas:

- reading airport security notices,
- language used in airports,
- reading timetables, and
- reading departure boards.

For help with the worksheets, you can:

- call the NALA Freephone support line at 1800 20 20 65 on Monday to Friday between 10am and 4pm, or
- check out the Really Useful Guide to Words and Numbers Web site on [www.rug.ie](http://www.rug.ie).

# Reading: Security Regulations

## New Regulations for Hand Luggage

All liquid containers must be carried in a separate clear plastic, zip-top or re-sealable bag that does not exceed 20 cm x 20 cm or one litre capacity. All items must fit in the bag comfortably and the bag must be completely sealed.

There is a limit of one transparent re-sealable plastic bag per person.

At the airport security search, the plastic bag must be removed from the cabin bag and x-ray screened separately.

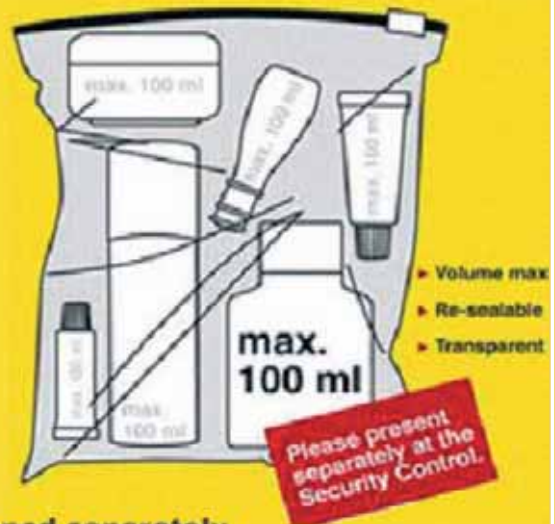
Liquids must be held in individual containers not exceeding 100ml (approximately 4 fl. Oz) and may include:

- Shampoo
- Liquid or aerosol deodorants
- Suntan lotions
- Cosmetics
- Toothpaste
- Water and other drinks
- Hair gel, hair spray
- Soups
- Perfumes
- Syrups
- Any other item of similar consistency

There are two exceptions to the rules:

- Baby food needed during the flight
- Medicines needed during the flight

Exempt items must also be placed in a separate transparent re-sealable bag and presented separately at the passenger security screening area.



# Reading: Security Regulations in Airport

Read the notice on new airport security restrictions on page 131 and finish the sentences below.

1. All liquid containers must be carried in a separate clear plastic, zip-top or re-sealable bag \_\_\_\_\_

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2. All items must fit in the bag comfortably \_\_\_\_\_

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3. At the airport security search, the plastic bag must be removed from the cabin bag \_\_\_\_\_

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There are two exceptions to the rules:

4. Baby food \_\_\_\_\_

5. Medicines \_\_\_\_\_

# Reading: Airport Words

There are certain words or terms you need to be familiar with when you are travelling by plane.

**check-in baggage:** this is any suitcase or bag you hand over to the airline staff. It is loaded into special containers by the airline and put on the plane. You do not see it again until you land. You collect it in the arrivals hall from a moving platform called a carousel. The number of your flight will be on a screen above it.

**hand or carry-on baggage:** any suitcase or bag you carry onto the plane.

**arrivals:** this is where the plane lands when it reaches its destination. It is also the area in the airport where people gather to meet anyone arriving on a plane from another airport.

**departures:** this is a large part of the airport. It is where you check in your luggage. It is also the area where you go through security and duty-free shopping. This is the area where you will board your plane.

# Writing: Airport Words

Look at the words below. See if you can write a sentence with each word. The first one is done for you.

1. **departures:** We waited in the **departures** area to board our flight.

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2. **check-in luggage:** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. **baggage:** \_\_\_\_\_

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4. **arrivals:** \_\_\_\_\_

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5. **security:** \_\_\_\_\_

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6. **destination:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Reading: Departure Timetables

You will often see lists of flights displayed. This is an example of an airport departures timetable taken from [www.dublinairport.com](http://www.dublinairport.com).

The **destination** shows where the plane is going to finish its journey.

This column shows the name of the airline.

Departing Flights

[Click here for live flight arrivals information](#)

For live departure times please view the information below or use our search facility:

Departure:  Airline:   
Flight No.:  Dest.:

Departure Times Last Update: 07/12/2006 16:54:58

Destination	Airline	Flight	Scheduled Time	Status
Cork	Ryanair	FR9845	07-12-2006 11:35	Departed 1444
Barcelona	Iberia	IB4195	07-12-2006 12:25	Departed 1359
Rome	Ryanair	FR9432	07-12-2006 12:35	Departed 1438
London-STN	Ryanair	FR226	07-12-2006 12:55	Departed 1355
London-LHR	Aer Lingus	EI164	07-12-2006 13:00	Departed 1420
Chicago	Aer Lingus	EI125	07-12-2006 13:30	Departed 1419
London-STN	Ryanair	FR216	07-12-2006 13:35	Departed 1411
Liverpool	Ryanair	FR444	07-12-2006 13:55	Departed 1410
Newcastle	Aer Lingus	EI306	07-12-2006 14:00	Departed 1406
London-LHR	Aer Lingus	EI168	07-12-2006 14:00	Departed 1511
Paris-CDG	Air France	AF5009	07-12-2006 14:15	Departed 1438
New York	Aer Lingus	EI107	07-12-2006 14:15	Departed 1623

The **Flight** column gives you the flight number. Every flight has a different number.

The **Scheduled Time** column tells you what time the flight is supposed to take off.

The **Status** column tells you if a flight is delayed, cancelled or has taken off.

# Reading: Departure Timetables

Now try to answer the questions below.

1. Which airline is the Barcelona flight with?

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2. What is the flight number for the Ryanair flight to Rome?

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3. How many Ryanair flights are scheduled?

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4. What time did the flight to Chicago depart at?

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5. List the Aer Lingus flight numbers.

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6. What date are all the flights scheduled for?

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7. What is the airline of flight number IB4195?

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8. How many flights took off on time?

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# Reading: Check-in Area

The picture below shows the board that you will often see in an airport's check-in area.

The first column is the departure time of each flight

The second column shows the destination.

The third column is the flight number.

The last column shows the check-in area where you will find the airline's check-in desk.



Time	Destination	Flight	Area
17:30	PARIS CDG	AF5007	10
17:40	KRAKOW	FR1901	7
17:40	LONDON LHR	BD130	2
17:45	MANCHESTER	EI206	3
17:50	BRUSSELS	EI638	3
17:55	LONDON LTN	FR338	7
18:00	BOURNEMOUTH	FR994	8
18:00	GIRONA BARCELO	FR7036	8
18:00	LONDON LCY	AF5122	10
18:10	BRISTOL	FR508	7
18:10	LONDON LGW	BA8087	2
18:10	MANCHESTER	FR556	8
18:15	KNOCK	RE227	9
18:15	PARIS CDG	EI528	4
18:20	BIRMINGHAM	FR672	8
18:20	DERRY	BA8967	2
18:25	FRANKFURT FRA	LH4983	10
18:25	OSLO	SK4604	9

# Reading: Check-in Area

Look at the picture on page 136 again and try to answer the following questions.

1. What time is the flight to Bristol? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the number of the check-in area for that flight? \_\_\_\_\_

3. There are two flights to Paris, write down the flight numbers.

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4. Are both flights to Paris with the same airline? \_\_\_\_\_

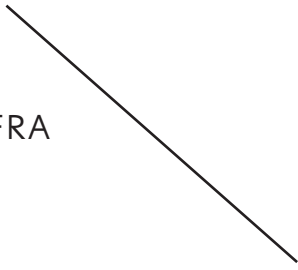
5. The flights to Birmingham and Bournemouth are using the same check-in area. True or False? \_\_\_\_\_

# Reading: Airport Abbreviations

Many cities have more than one airport. When you are checking your flight, you need to know the name of the airport. For example London has five airports. Heathrow, Luton, Gatwick, Stansted and City. Each airport is shown by using an abbreviation after the word London:

Heathrow	---	London LHR
London Luton	---	London LTN
London Gatwick	---	London LGW
London Stansted	---	London STN
London City	---	London LCY

**See if you can match the airport abbreviation with the city.  
The first one is done for you.**

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|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Paris CDG     | Rome Da Vinci Airport           |
| 2. Frankfurt FRA | Frankfurt Hahn Airport          |
| 3. Paris BVA     | Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport |
| 4. Frankfurt HHN | Rome Ciampino Airport           |
| 5. Rome CIA      | Paris Beauvais                  |
| 6. Rome FCO      | Frankfurt Main Airport          |
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# Numeracy: The 24 Hour Clock

Being able to read the 24 hour clock is an important skill when you have to catch a flight. Airport timetables always show flight times using the 24 hour clock. You can find more information on the 24 hour clock in the first workbook of the series.

15:50	ISLE OF MAN	RE377	9
16:05	NEWQUAY	WOW596	2
16:05	RIGA	FR1976	7
16:10	PRAGUE	EI646	4
16:10	VENICE	EI426	5
16:15	PARIS CDG	AF5011	10
16:20	FRANKFURT FRA	EI656	5

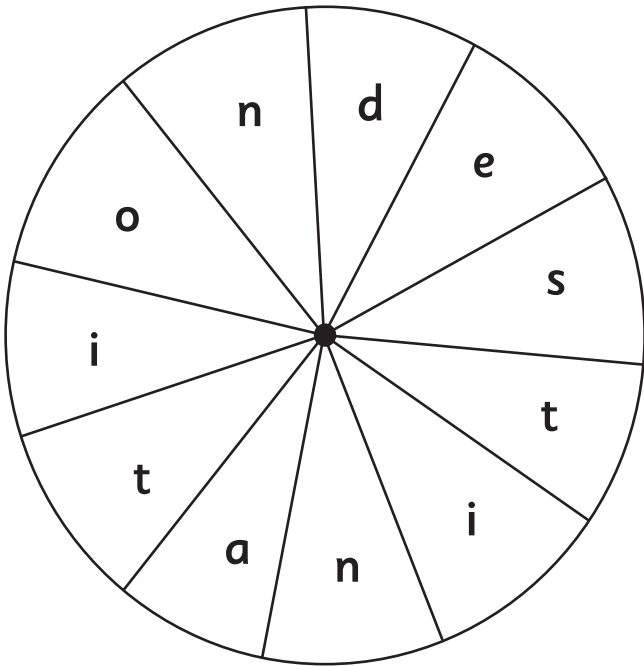
**Look at the departures board above and change the times back to the 12 hour clock. The first one is done for you.**

1. Isle of Man	Flight RE377	Departs at <u>3:50 PM</u>
2. Newquay	Flight WOW596	Departs at _____
3. Riga	Flight FR1976	Departs at _____
4. Prague	Flight EI646	Departs at _____
5. Venice	Flight EI426	Departs at _____
6. Paris CDG	Flight AF5011	Departs at _____
7. Frankfurt FRA	Flight EI656	Departs at _____

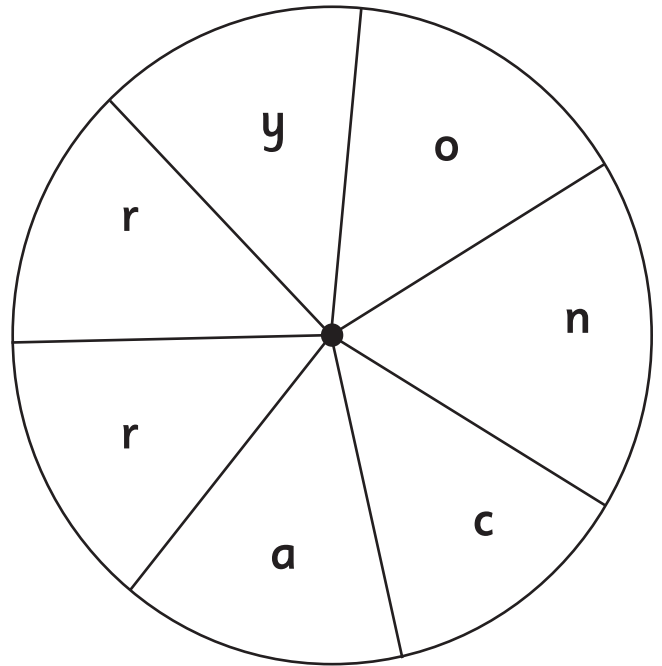
# Wordwheel

See if you can find the Airport words in the wordwheels below.

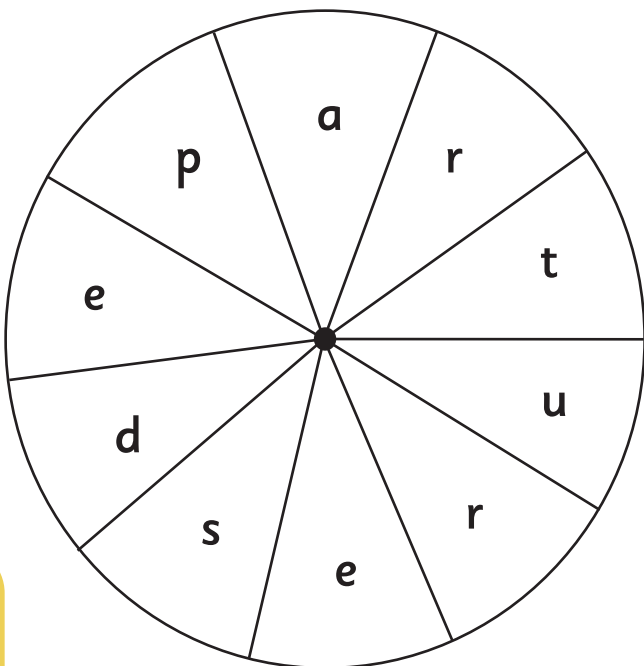
1. Where your journey ends



2. Baggage you bring on board



3. Where you board the plane



4. Information on your flight

