

## Flight Friends



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The other person had tried something newer, a ride-sharing service. They recalled how they had booked the ride with just a few taps on their phone. The car had arrived quickly, but the traffic had been terrible. They talked about the city streets, crowded and filled with cars, all moving so slowly.

As they talked, they found they had more in common than their delayed flight. They both enjoyed traveling, even if getting to the airport could be stressful. They laughed about the times they had run to catch a plane or the relief they felt when they finally sat in their seats.

During their conversation, they learned from each other's experiences. The shuttle rider made a note to try ride-sharing next time. The ride-sharing user thought about how a shuttle might be more reliable in heavy traffic. They agreed that no matter the choice, leaving for the airport early was always the best plan.

Finally, the announcement came that their flight was ready to board. They gathered their belongings, glad to be moving at last. As they stood up, they exchanged names and wished each other a safe flight. With a friendly nod, they went their separate ways, each with a new story to tell.

## CEFR Level Card

**General Level:** B1.6

**Vocabulary:** A2.6

**Verb Forms:** A2.9

**Sentences:** B2.0

## Vocabulary

**belongings** NOUN B2 x1

Definition (En):

n something owned; any tangible or intangible possession that is owned by someone;

n happiness felt in a secure relationship

v be owned by; be in the possession of

v be suitable or acceptable

v be in the right place or situation

v be rightly classified in a class or category

v be a member, adherent, inhabitant, etc. (of a group, organization, or place)

v be a part or adjunct

**crowd** VERB C1 x1

Definition (En):

n. a large number of things or people considered together

n. an informal body of friends

v. fill or occupy to the point of overflowing

v. to gather together in large numbers

**eager** ADJ B2 x1

Definition (En):

a. having or showing keen interest or intense desire or impatient expectancy

**recall** VERB B2 x1

Definition (En):

n. a request by the manufacturer of a defective product to return the product (as for replacement or repair)

n. a call to return

n. a bugle call that signals troops to return

n. the process of remembering (especially the process of recovering information by mental effort)

**relief** NOUN B2 x1

Definition (En):

- n. the feeling that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
- n. the condition of being comfortable or relieved (especially after being relieved of distress)
- n. (law) redress awarded by a court
- n. assistance in time of difficulty

**shuttle** NOUN C1 x4

Definition (En):

- n. public transport that consists of a bus or train or airplane that plies back and forth between two points
- n. bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads
- v. travel back and forth between two points

## Phrases

PHRASE	COUNT	SENTENCES
along the way	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They explained how the shuttle had made several stops, picking up more passengers <b>along the way</b>.</li> </ul>
at last	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They gathered their belongings, glad to be moving <b>at last</b>.</li> </ul>
have something in common	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As they talked, they found they <b>had</b> more <b>in common</b> than their delayed flight.</li> </ul>
no matter	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They agreed that <b>no matter</b> the choice, leaving for the airport early was always the best plan.</li> </ul>
pass the time	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They begin to share their stories, eager to <b>pass the time</b>.</li> </ul>
plenty of (something)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Their flight is delayed, leaving them with <b>plenty of</b> time to talk.</li> </ul>
tick by	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They had watched the minutes <b>tick by</b>, worried about making it to the airport.</li> </ul>

# Reading Comprehension Exercises

## True / False / Not Given

1. Did the two people meet at the airport for the first time?
2. Was the person who took the shuttle expecting a quick journey to the airport?
3. Did the ride-sharing user enjoy their trip to the airport because it was fast?
4. Did the two travelers have different feelings about traveling?
5. The travelers decided that taking a bike to the airport might be a good option to avoid traffic.
6. The shuttle rider was concerned about missing their flight during the journey.
7. Booking the ride-sharing service required a complicated process.
8. The shuttle might be a better option than ride-sharing according to the ride-sharing user.
9. They agreed that traveling by shuttle or ride-sharing required leaving late for the airport.
10. The two people exchanged phone numbers before boarding the flight.

## Multiple Choice

1. Why was the person who took the shuttle worried during their trip?
  - A) They were afraid of flying.
  - B) The shuttle was overcrowded.
  - C) The shuttle was making many stops.
  - D) They thought they had forgotten something at home.
2. What led the ride-sharing user to consider trying the shuttle next time?
  - A) The shuttle was cheaper than ride-sharing.
  - B) The shuttle seemed more reliable in heavy traffic.
  - C) They had a bad experience with ride-sharing.
  - D) The person they talked to had a faster trip with the shuttle.
3. What common ground did the two people discover apart from their delayed flight?
  - A) They both missed their previous flights.
  - B) They had similar jobs.
  - C) They both enjoyed traveling.
  - D) They came from the same city.
4. What decision did they both agree on about traveling to the airport?
  - A) Taking a shuttle is the best mode of transportation.
  - B) Ride-sharing services should be booked in advance.
  - C) It's best to leave for the airport early.
  - D) Making friends at the airport is valuable.
5. What did the people do as soon as the flight was ready to board?
  - A) They started looking for a place to eat.
  - B) They exchanged phone numbers.
  - C) They went to complain about the delay.
  - D) They gathered their belongings.
6. How did the shuttle rider plan to change their travel strategy in the future?
  - A) By waking up earlier for every flight.
  - B) By taking a taxi instead of the shuttle.
  - C) By trying the ride-sharing service next time.
  - D) By booking flights that are not during peak hours.
7. What was the main problem for the person using the ride-sharing service?
  - A) They could not find their phone to book the ride.
  - B) The ride was more expensive than expected.
  - C) The car arrived too late to depart on time.
  - D) The traffic was terrible.
8. How did the people feel when they finally sat in their plane seats?
  - A) Confused about their seat numbers.
  - B) Annoyed with each other.
  - C) Relieved to be seated.
  - D) Excited about the in-flight meals.

9. What action did the two travelers take before going their separate ways?
- A) They promised to travel together next time.
  - B) They exchanged names and wished each other a safe flight.
  - C) They planned their next meeting after the flight.
  - D) They decided to pick the same seats for their return flight.
10. What emotion did the person feel while watching the minutes tick by on the shuttle?
- A) Excitement about their destination.
  - B) Worry about making it to the airport.
  - C) Joy for meeting new people on the bus.
  - D) Anger at the bus driver.

## Short Answer

1. What did the first person do because they were worried about missing their flight?
2. Why did the shuttle take a long time to reach the airport?
3. What caused the second person to be delayed on their way to the airport using ride-sharing?
4. What was similar about the two people's experiences with travel?
5. What did the shuttle rider decide after talking with the other person?
6. What thought did the ride-sharing user have about shuttles after the discussion?
7. What did both individuals agree was the best plan when going to the airport?
8. What did the two people do after the flight boarding announcement?
9. What was the topic of conversation that helped them pass the time?
10. What did the ride-sharing user do to book their ride?

## Multiple Choice Cloze

In a busy airport, two people find themselves sitting side by side. Their flight is \_\_\_1\_\_\_, leaving them with plenty of time to talk. Both are tired from their \_\_\_2\_\_\_ to reach the airport on time. They begin to share their stories, eager to \_\_\_3\_\_\_ the time.

One of them had taken a shuttle from the city center. They explained how the shuttle had made several stops, \_\_\_4\_\_\_ up more passengers along the way. It had been a \_\_\_5\_\_\_ trip with the bus filling up at each stop. They had watched the minutes \_\_\_6\_\_\_ by, worried about making it to the airport.

The other person had tried something newer, a ride-sharing service. They \_\_\_7\_\_\_ how they had booked the ride with just a few taps on their phone. The car had arrived quickly, but the traffic had been \_\_\_8\_\_\_. They talked about the city streets, crowded and filled with cars, all moving so slowly.

As they talked, they found they had more in common than their delayed flight. They both enjoyed traveling, even if getting to the airport could be stressful. They laughed about the times they had run to catch a plane or the \_\_\_9\_\_\_ they felt when they finally sat in their seats.

During their conversation, they learned from each other's experiences. The shuttle rider made a note to try ride-sharing next time. The ride-sharing user thought about how a shuttle might be more \_\_\_10\_\_\_ in heavy traffic. They agreed that no matter the choice, leaving for the airport early was always the best plan.

Finally, the announcement came that their flight was ready to board. They gathered their belongings, glad to be moving at last. As they stood up, they exchanged names and wished each other a safe flight. With a friendly nod, they went their separate ways, each with a new story to tell.

1) A. delayed B. cancelled C. returned D. departed

2) A. troubles B. efforts C. plans D. journeys

3) A. waste B. consume C. spend D. pass

4) A. drawing B. picking C. writing D. looking

5) A. fast B. enjoyable C. slow D. direct

6) A. flying B. ticking C. jumping D. rolling

7) A. remembered B. recalled C. believed D. thought



- 8) A. mild B. amazing C. terrible D. pleasant
- 9) A. relief B. embarrassment C. excitement D. fear
- 10) A. expensive B. complicated C. reliable D. dangerous

# Exercise Answers

## True / False / Not Given Answers

### 1. True

Explanation: The text indicates they found themselves sitting side by side at the airport, implying they met there for the first time.

("In a busy airport, two people find themselves sitting side by side.")

### 2. False

Explanation: The shuttle trip was slow as the bus filled up at each stop, so the person couldn't have been expecting a quick journey.

("It had been a slow trip with the bus filling up at each stop.")

### 3. False

Explanation: Even though the car arrived quickly, the traffic was terrible, indicating that the user did not enjoy a fast trip.

("The car had arrived quickly, but the traffic had been terrible.")

### 4. False

Explanation: The text states that both enjoyed traveling, meaning they did not have different feelings.

("They both enjoyed traveling, even if getting to the airport could be stressful.")

### 5. Not Given

Explanation: There's no mention of biking as a transportation option to the airport in the given text. ("N/A")

### 6. True

Explanation: The shuttle rider was clearly worried about making it on time as indicated by watching the minutes.

("They had watched the minutes tick by, worried about making it to the airport.")

### 7. False

Explanation: Booking the ride-sharing service was not complicated, as it only required a few taps on a phone.

("They recalled how they had booked the ride with just a few taps on their phone.")

### 8. True

Explanation: The ride-sharing user considered the shuttle's reliability in heavy traffic, suggesting it might be a better option.

("The ride-sharing user thought about how a shuttle might be more reliable in heavy traffic.")

### 9. False

Explanation: They agreed on the importance of leaving early, not late, so the statement is false.

("They agreed that no matter the choice, leaving for the airport early was always the best plan.")

### 10. Not Given

Explanation: The text does not provide information about exchanging phone numbers before boarding.

("N/A")

## Multiple Choice Answers

### 1. C

Explanation: The text suggests that the person was worried because the shuttle was making several stops, which made the trip slower.

("They explained how the shuttle had made several stops, picking up more passengers along the way. It had been a slow trip with the bus filling up at each stop.")

### 2. B

Explanation: The user of the ride-sharing service considered the shuttle for their next trip because it might be more reliable in heavy traffic, as mentioned in the text.

("The ride-sharing user thought about how a shuttle might be more reliable in heavy traffic.")

### 3. C

Explanation: The text shows that both individuals found they shared a love of traveling despite the stress of getting to the airport.

("They both enjoyed traveling, even if getting to the airport could be stressful.")

### 4. C

Explanation: The shared opinion was that leaving early for the airport was always the best plan, regardless of the mode of transportation.

("They agreed that no matter the choice, leaving for the airport early was always the best plan.")

### 5. D

Explanation: When their flight was ready, they prepared to board by collecting their items.

("Finally, the announcement came that their flight was ready to board. They gathered their belongings, glad to be moving at last.")

### 6. C

Explanation: The person who took the shuttle was considering using the ride-sharing service for their next trip.

("The shuttle rider made a note to try ride-sharing next time.")

### 7. D

Explanation: Although the ride-sharing car arrived quickly, the heavy traffic was the principal issue mentioned.

("The car had arrived quickly, but the traffic had been terrible.")

### 8. C

Explanation: The text indicates that they felt relief when they were finally able to sit down in their seats on the plane.

("They laughed about the times they had run to catch a plane or the relief they felt when they finally sat in their seats.")

### 9. B

Explanation: Before parting, they shared their names and wished each other well for the upcoming flight.

("As they stood up, they exchanged names and wished each other a safe flight.")

**10. B**

Explanation: The person on the shuttle was worried as they observed the time passing, concerned about reaching the airport on time.

("They had watched the minutes tick by, worried about making it to the airport.")

## Short Answer Answers

**1. Watched the minutes tick by.**

Explanation: The text indicates that the person was watching the time because they were concerned about reaching the airport on time.

("They had watched the minutes tick by, worried about making it to the airport.")

**2. It made several stops.**

Explanation: The text states that the shuttle made several stops to pick up passengers, which made the trip slow.

("They explained how the shuttle had made several stops, picking up more passengers along the way.")

**3. The traffic was terrible.**

Explanation: The text explains that even though their ride arrived quickly, heavy traffic caused delays.

("The car had arrived quickly, but the traffic had been terrible.")

**4. Both enjoyed traveling.**

Explanation: The text reveals that both individuals found common ground in their enjoyment of traveling.

("They both enjoyed traveling, even if getting to the airport could be stressful.")

**5. To try ride-sharing next time.**

Explanation: The text mentions that the shuttle rider considered trying ride-sharing in the future based on the conversation.

("The shuttle rider made a note to try ride-sharing next time.")

**6. A shuttle might be more reliable in heavy traffic.**

Explanation: The text shows that the user of ride-sharing reflected on the potential reliability of shuttles during traffic.

("The ride-sharing user thought about how a shuttle might be more reliable in heavy traffic.")

**7. Leaving early.**

Explanation: The text suggests a mutual agreement that departing early for the airport is the wisest strategy.

("They agreed that no matter the choice, leaving for the airport early was always the best plan.")

**8. Exchanged names and wished each other a safe flight.**

Explanation: The text details that after the announcement, the individuals shared their names and good wishes for a safe trip.

("As they stood up, they exchanged names and wished each other a safe flight.")

**9. Their stories.**

Explanation: The text indicates that the two people talked about their personal stories to make the time go by faster.

("They begin to share their stories, eager to pass the time.")

**10. Tapped on their phone a few times.**

Explanation: The text explains that the ride-sharing service was booked with just a few simple actions on a phone.

("They recalled how they had booked the ride with just a few taps on their phone.")

## Multiple Choice Cloze Answers

**1. A**

Explanation: The text mentions the flight is 'delayed', not any other option.

**2. B**

Explanation: 'Efforts' indicates the attempts they made, as in the text.

**3. D**

Explanation: 'Pass' is used in the text meaning to spend time in a specific way.

**4. B**

Explanation: The text uses 'picking up' to describe collecting passengers.

**5. C**

Explanation: The text describes the trip as 'slow' because of multiple stops.

**6. B**

Explanation: 'Tick by' is the phrase used to describe time passing.

**7. B**

Explanation: 'Recalled' is used for remembering in the text.

**8. C**

Explanation: 'Terrible' is used to describe the bad traffic situation.

**9. A**

Explanation: The text describes feeling 'relief' when seated.

**10. C**

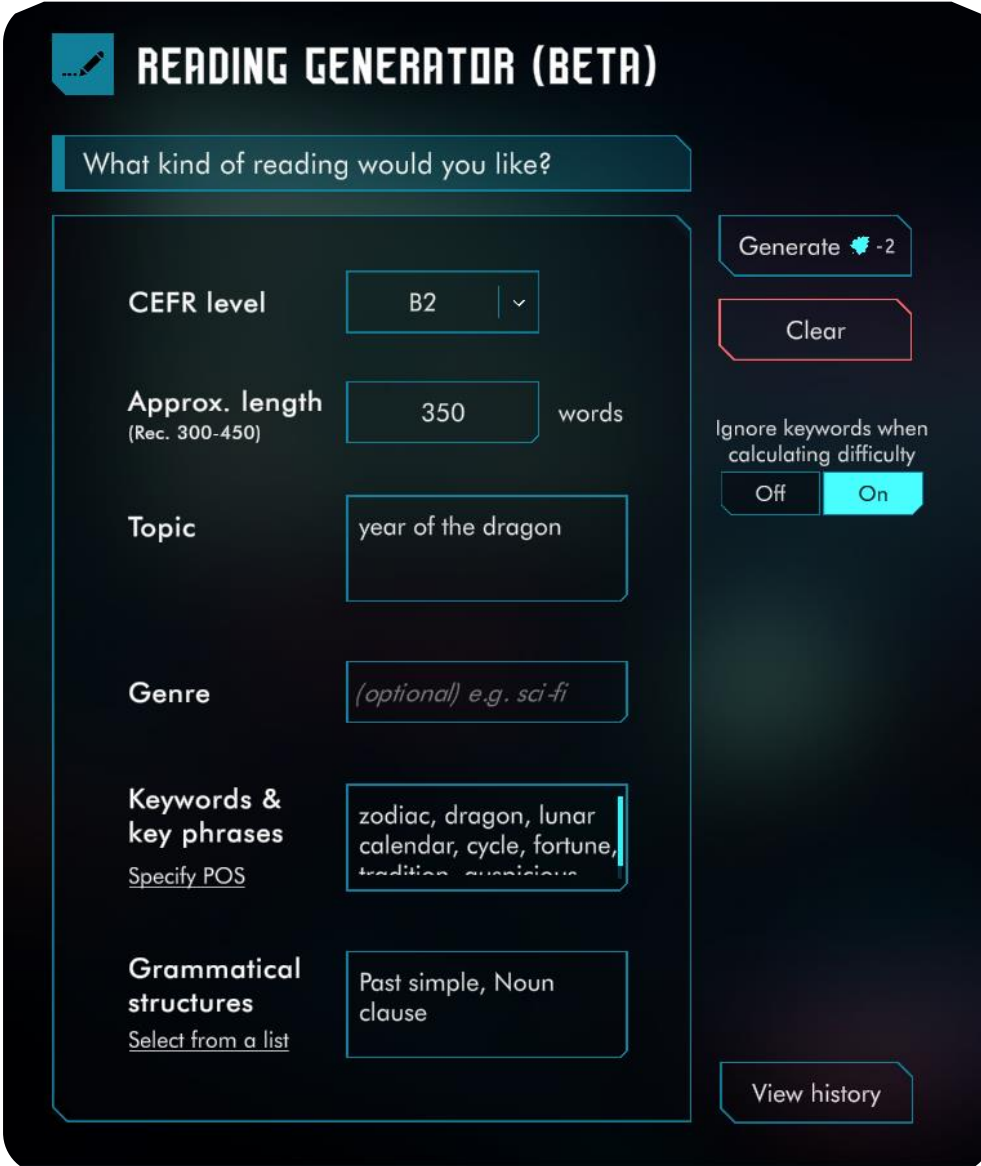
Explanation: 'Reliable' refers to something you can trust, matching the text's context.

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