

# Flight Friends



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The woman with the red bag spoke first. 'The subway was very crowded today,' she said. 'I had to stand all the way.' The other woman nodded. 'I know what you mean. I took the subway too. My arms hurt from holding my luggage.'

Then, the woman with the blue bag asked, 'Did you buy a special ticket for the subway?' 'Yes,' the first woman replied. 'There's a ticket just for the airport. It costs a little more, but it's fast.' They both agreed that the subway was the best choice when you have bags.

The conversation then turned to other ways of travel. 'My friend came here on her bicycle once,' said the blue bag woman. 'She said it was fun but hard with luggage.' They both laughed at that. 'Yes, that would be hard!' the woman with the red bag exclaimed.

They continued to chat about their trips. Soon, they heard the announcement for their flight. They picked up their bags and got ready to board. 'It was nice to talk with you,' they said to each other. With a smile, they walked to their gate.

## CEFR Level Card

**General Level:** A2.8

**Vocabulary:** A1.5

**Verb Forms:** A1.6

**Sentences:** B1.0

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## Vocabulary

**announcement** NOUN B1 x1

Definition (En):

n. a formal public statement

n. a public statement containing information about an event that has happened or is going to happen

**board** VERB B1 x1

Definition (En):

n. a committee having supervisory powers

n. a stout length of sawn timber; made in a wide variety of sizes and used for many purposes

n. a flat piece of material designed for a special purpose

n. food or meals in general

**crowded** ADJ A2 x1

Definition (En):

a. overfilled or compacted or concentrated

**exclaim** VERB C2 x1

Definition (En):

v. utter aloud; often with surprise, horror, or joy

**gate** NOUN A2 x1

Definition (En):

n. a movable barrier in a fence or wall

n. a computer circuit with several inputs but only one output that can be activated by particular combinations of inputs

n. total admission receipts at a sports event

n. passageway (as in an air terminal) where passengers can embark or disembark

**luggage** NOUN A2 x2

Definition (En):

n cases used to carry belongings when traveling

**nod** VERB B2 x1

Definition (En):

n. a sign of assent or salutation or command

n. the act of nodding the head

v. express or signify by nodding

v. lower and raise the head, as to indicate assent or agreement or confirmation

**subway** NOUN A2 x4

Definition (En):

n an electric railway operating below the surface of the ground (usually in a city)

n an underground tunnel or passage enabling pedestrians to cross a road or railway

## Phrases

PHRASE	COUNT	SENTENCES
I know what you mean.	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'I know what you mean.'</li> </ul>
all the way	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'I had to stand all the way.'</li> </ul>
chat about (someone or something)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They continued to chat about their trips.</li> </ul>
pick up	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They picked up their bags and got ready to board.</li> </ul>
the other woman	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The other woman nodded.</li> </ul>

# Reading Comprehension Exercises

## True / False

1. The ladies were at the bus station.
2. One woman felt pain in her arms because she carried her bags.
3. The lady with the red bag stood during her subway ride.
4. Both women had bought a normal subway ticket.
5. The woman with the blue bag had a friend who rode to the airport on a bike.
6. They decided that taking a bike is better than the subway when having bags.
7. The women did not enjoy their conversation with each other.
8. The two women shared a laugh together.
9. They went to different gates for boarding the flight.
10. The woman with the red bag mentioned the subway was expensive.

## Multiple Choice

1. What made the first woman tired?
  - A. She was working all day
  - B. Her bag was very heavy
  - C. She had to stand on the subway
  - D. She rode her bicycle to the airport
2. Why did both women agree the subway is the best choice?
  - A. It is fun
  - B. It is very fast
  - C. It allows bicycles
  - D. It is good for carrying bags
3. How did the second woman feel after riding the subway?
  - A. Very relaxed
  - B. Her arms hurt
  - C. Really happy
  - D. Very excited
4. What kind of bag did the first woman have?
  - A. A small bag
  - B. A black bag
  - C. A blue bag
  - D. A red bag
5. What did the woman with the blue bag think about riding the bicycle to the airport?
  - A. It was a terrible idea
  - B. It was fun but hard
  - C. It was easier than the subway
  - D. It was too expensive
6. What was special about the subway ticket they talked about?
  - A. It was cheaper than normal
  - B. It was for the airport
  - C. It was a group ticket
  - D. It took longer to arrive
7. What did the women do after they heard the announcement for their flight?
  - A. They continued to chat
  - B. They called their friends
  - C. They went to a cafe
  - D. They got ready to board
8. Where did the two women sit at the airport?
  - A. Next to the gate
  - B. In different places
  - C. Next to each other
  - D. Outside the airport

9. What did the second woman do because of the subway?
- A. She bought a new bag
  - B. She laughed a lot
  - C. She missed her flight
  - D. She nodded in agreement
10. How did the women feel at the end of their conversation?
- A. They were very bored
  - B. They were annoyed with each other
  - C. They were happy to have talked
  - D. They wanted to continue talking

## Short Answer

1. Who spoke first at the airport?
2. Why were both women a bit tired?
3. What color was the second woman's bag?
4. Did the first woman buy a special ticket for the subway?
5. What was different about the subway ticket the woman bought?
6. What did the women think was the best travel choice with bags?
7. What did the women do after hearing the announcement for their flight?

## Multiple Choice Cloze

Two women were at the airport. They were waiting for their \_\_\_1\_\_\_. The first woman had a \_\_\_2\_\_\_ bag. The second woman carried a \_\_\_3\_\_\_ one. They sat \_\_\_4\_\_\_ to each other. Both looked a bit \_\_\_5\_\_\_.

The woman with the \_\_\_2\_\_\_ bag spoke first. 'The subway was very \_\_\_6\_\_\_ today,' she said. 'I had to \_\_\_7\_\_\_ all the way.' The other woman nodded. 'I know what you mean. I took the subway too. My \_\_\_8\_\_\_ hurt from holding my luggage.'

Then, the woman with the \_\_\_3\_\_\_ bag asked, 'Did you buy a special \_\_\_9\_\_\_ for the subway?' 'Yes,' the first woman replied. 'There's a ticket just for the airport. It costs a little more, but it's \_\_\_10\_\_\_.' They both agreed that the subway was the best choice when you have bags.

The conversation then turned to other ways of travel. 'My friend came here on her bicycle once,' said the blue bag woman. 'She said it was fun but hard with luggage.' They both laughed at that. 'Yes, that would be hard!' the woman with the red bag exclaimed.

They continued to chat about their trips. Soon, they heard the announcement for their flight. They picked up their bags and got ready to board. 'It was nice to talk with you,' they said to each other. With a smile, they walked to their gate.

- 1) A. flight   B. bags   C. seats   D. subway
- 2) A. green   B. red   C. yellow   D. black
- 3) A. blue   B. big   C. small   D. heavy
- 4) A. opposite   B. far   C. next   D. away
- 5) A. happy   B. excited   C. sad   D. tired
- 6) A. full   B. crowded   C. quiet   D. empty
- 7) A. sit   B. stand   C. exit   D. jump
- 8) A. legs   B. arms   C. head   D. back
- 9) A. seat   B. ticket   C. bag   D. train
- 10) A. slow   B. noisy   C. fast   D. expensive



# Exercise Answers

## True / False Answers

### 1. False

Explanation: The text says they were at the airport, not at the bus station.  
("Two women were at the airport.")

### 2. True

Explanation: One woman mentioned her arms hurting from holding her luggage, which implies she felt pain.  
("My arms hurt from holding my luggage.")

### 3. True

Explanation: The woman said she had to stand all the way on the subway.  
("I had to stand all the way.")

### 4. False

Explanation: The text indicates that the first woman bought a special ticket for the airport.  
("There's a ticket just for the airport.")

### 5. True

Explanation: The woman with the blue bag talks about her friend who came to the airport on a bicycle.  
("My friend came here on her bicycle once," said the blue bag woman.)

### 6. False

Explanation: The text suggests that both women agreed the subway was the best choice with bags, not the bike.  
("They both agreed that the subway was the best choice when you have bags.")

### 7. False

Explanation: The women said it was nice to talk to each other which indicates they enjoyed their conversation.  
("It was nice to talk with you," they said to each other.)

### 8. True

Explanation: The text says that they both laughed, which means they shared a laugh.  
("They both laughed at that.")

### 9. False

Explanation: The text mentions that they walked to their gate (singular), implying they went to the same gate.  
("With a smile, they walked to their gate.")

### 10. False

Explanation: The woman with the red bag said the ticket costs a little more but it's fast, not that it was expensive.  
("It costs a little more, but it's fast.")

## Multiple Choice Answers

**1. C**

Explanation: The first woman was tired because she had to stand on the subway all the way to the airport.

("I had to stand all the way.")

**2. D**

Explanation: They both agreed the subway is the best choice when travelling with bags.

("They both agreed that the subway was the best choice when you have bags.")

**3. B**

Explanation: The second woman's arms hurt from holding her luggage on the subway.

("My arms hurt from holding my luggage.")

**4. D**

Explanation: The text clearly states that the first woman had a red bag.

("The first woman had a red bag.")

**5. B**

Explanation: The woman with the blue bag mentioned that her friend found riding a bicycle to the airport fun but hard with luggage.

("She said it was fun but hard with luggage.")

**6. B**

Explanation: The subway ticket mentioned was special because it was just for the airport and it was fast.

("There's a ticket just for the airport. It costs a little more, but it's fast.")

**7. D**

Explanation: After hearing the announcement, the women picked up their bags and got ready to board.

("They picked up their bags and got ready to board.")

**8. C**

Explanation: The text mentions that the two women sat next to each other at the airport.

("They sat next to each other.")

**9. D**

Explanation: The second woman nodded in agreement when the first woman talked about the crowded subway.

("I know what you mean. I took the subway too. My arms hurt from holding my luggage.' The other woman nodded.")

**10. C**

Explanation: The women were happy to have talked to each other, as indicated by their farewell.

("It was nice to talk with you,' they said to each other.")

## Short Answer Answers

### 1. The woman with the red bag.

Explanation: The text directly states that 'The woman with the red bag spoke first.'  
("The woman with the red bag spoke first.")

### 2. Because they both took the subway.

Explanation: Both women mentioned the subway and carrying luggage, which explains why they were tired.

("The subway was very crowded today,' she said. 'I had to stand all the way. My arms hurt from holding my luggage.")

### 3. Blue.

Explanation: The text says the second woman had a blue bag.  
("The second woman carried a blue one.")

### 4. Yes.

Explanation: The first woman confirmed she bought a special subway ticket.  
("Did you buy a special ticket for the subway?' 'Yes,' the first woman replied.")

### 5. It was just for the airport and cost a little more.

Explanation: The first woman gave this specific information about the ticket.  
("There's a ticket just for the airport. It costs a little more, but it's fast.")

### 6. The subway.

Explanation: The text directly mentions that both women agreed on the subway being the best choice with bags.

("They both agreed that the subway was the best choice when you have bags.")

### 7. They picked up their bags and got ready to board.

Explanation: The text indicates their action after hearing the flight announcement.  
("They picked up their bags and got ready to board.")

## Multiple Choice Cloze Answers

### 1. A

Explanation: They were at the airport to catch a flight.

### 2. B

Explanation: The text mentions a red bag.

### 3. A

Explanation: The second woman's bag is described as blue.

**4. C**

Explanation: They sat next to each other.

**5. D**

Explanation: Both looked a bit tired.

**6. B**

Explanation: The woman mentioned the subway was very crowded.

**7. B**

Explanation: She had to stand because it was crowded.

**8. B**

Explanation: The woman's arms hurt from holding her luggage.

**9. B**

Explanation: They are talking about buying a ticket for the subway.

**10. C**

Explanation: The woman says the airport ticket is fast.

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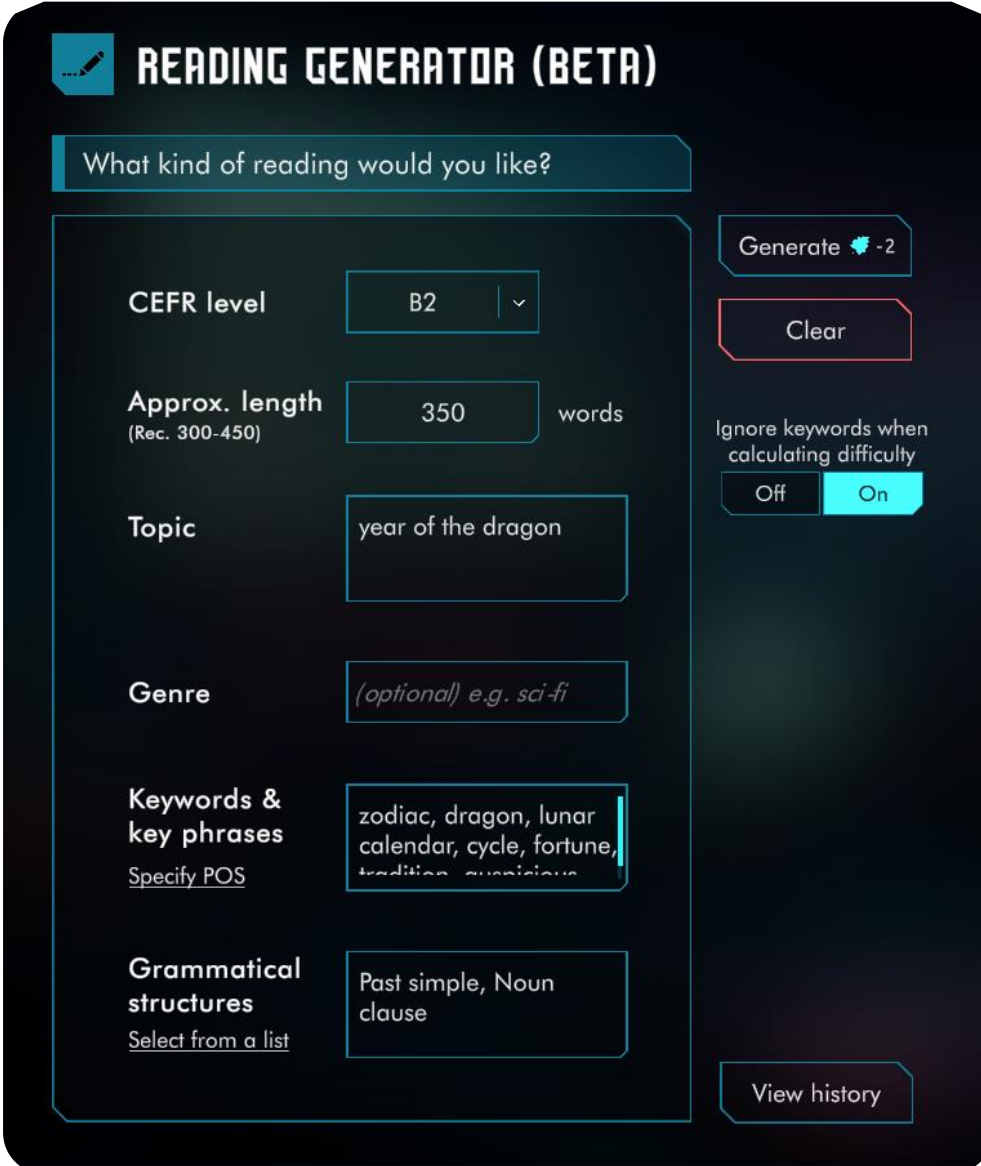
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