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Security

Security checks are different in different countries. In some countries you have all your baggage scanned before (or when) you enter the terminal building, and often there is a separate line to scan baggage before you can go to the check-in desk.

At check-in there are questions (see Unit 12). For international flights you will have to go through a security check before you enter the departure lounges.

In the U.S.A., this security check will usually be later, at the boarding gate. You will have to pass through a scanner. There is normally a plastic tray at the side, and you should put any metal objects (keys, coins) on this tray before passing through the scanner. A security officer may want to check your clothes and pockets. Raise your arms and stand still. Occasionally, they may ask to check your shoes. Always be polite and courteous and don't forget your belongings. Some airlines have a further check at the gate, as you board the airplane.

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Titles and jobs

Only a few jobs have 'titles' in English. The most important ones are listed in the unit.

Professor is used for university teachers in North America, but in the U.K. a Professor is the head of a university department. Other teachers don't have job titles (but those with doctor's degrees, Ph.D., or D.Sc., are called Doctor ...).

You can address some people by just their job titles. There are very few examples like this. You can't address teachers as "Teacher" or "Teacher Smith" in English. Use the name (Ms. Smith, or Dr. Green). In North America, you can address professors as 'Professor ...'

In American English, write titles like Mr. / Mrs. / Dr. / Ms. with a period (but not Miss). In the U.K. most people don't write periods after these titles.

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In flight

Smoking is prohibited on all flights within the U.S.A., and between most European countries. Most airlines ban smoking on all flights.

Budget airlines are becoming more popular. On budget airlines you pay less for your ticket, but have to pay for food, headsets or drinks. On major, (full-service) airlines, these may be free. Some American budget airlines have food trays at the gate and you have to carry on your own meal. With others, no food is available and you may want to buy a sandwich or a drink before boarding.

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Numbers

When keying into a computer or typing, you use a comma (,) or sometimes a blank space, to separate the thousands. 150,000 is one hundred and fifty thousand
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A period (.) is used for decimals (0.5), and therefore to separate dollars and cents (or pounds and pence, euros and cents etc.). In British English a **period** is called a **full stop**.
150.00 is one hundred and fifty (and no cents if it's money).

Temperature

17°C is "seventeen degrees Celsius" (or Centigrade).
In the Celsius system, water freezes at 0°C and water boils at 100°C.
58°F is "fifty-eight degrees Fahrenheit."
In the Fahrenheit system, water freezes at 32°F and water boils at 212°F.
Fahrenheit is used in the U.S.A. (except for science), Celsius is used in almost all other countries.