

Lesson 4

Trouble at the border

Track 12

Anja and John enter the USA at separate immigration counters. John has an American passport while Anja has her German passport and an e-visa.



John: Why are you so nervous, Anja? It all worked out well. We are both in my homeland!

Anja: The government official was so scary. He looked at me very grimly and only asked his questions in a deep voice. 'Where have you come from today? What is the purpose of your visit? Where are you staying? How long are you planning to stay?' Not a friendly word. No welcome.

John: Don't worry about it. It's his job. But why are you still nervous?

Anja: Now we have to go through customs with the suitcase. You asked me to buy presents for your family and I thought about it and...

John: Anja, what do you have in your suitcase?

Anja: Some candles. A few pieces of jewelry...

John: What else?

Anja: Black Forest ham. 2 kilos... Your parents liked it so much... and I wanted to bring them something special from Germany and I wanted...

John: Unbelievable... You have to get the ham out of the suitcase immediately and throw it into the garbage can over there. No arguments!

John and Anja go through customs without any problems or checks. Suddenly a big grin appears on Anja's face. John carefully asks why she is smiling so much.

Anja: I just remembered I also hid a kilo of ham in **your** suitcase.

John: Anja...

Let's talk about...



Good to know

Pronouns

Pronouns represent or replace person(s) or noun(s) in a sentence. They can represent subject or object or show possession.

Singular

I	me	my	mine
you	you	your	yours
he	him	his	his
she	her	her	hers
it	it	its	its

Plural

we	us	our	ours
you	you	your	yours
they	them	their	theirs

E.g.

They can see **him**.
She can see **us**.
That is **your** coat.
Those coats are **mine**.

Exercise – Pronouns

- I visited him but **he** didn't visit **me**.
- They sang for us but _____ didn't sing for _____.
- She made a cake for you but _____ didn't make a cake for _____.
- You helped them but _____ didn't thank _____.
- We didn't see her but _____ saw _____.
- He didn't call me so _____ called _____.



Exercise – More pronouns

- (I) This is **my** house. It belongs to **me**. It's **mine**.
- (He) The bike belongs to _____. It's _____. It's _____ bike.
- (They) The car belongs to _____. It's _____. It's _____ car.
- (She) The dogs belong to _____. They're _____. They're _____ dogs.
- (You) The shoes belong to _____. They're _____. They're _____ shoes.
- (We) The horse belongs to _____. It's _____. It's _____ horse.

Why do Anja and John have to use separate immigration counters? Why is Anja unhappy? What gifts does Anja have in her suitcase? Which gift did John not know about? What does John tell Anja to do with one gift? Why? Why does Anja smile after they have gone through customs?

Do you enjoy traveling by air? Would you like to be a pilot? Or a flight attendant? What do you not enjoy about flying? When is the last time you traveled by plane? What is the difference between economy and business class?

Wolfgang's airport story

Track 13

One year, Helga and Wolfgang went on a weekend trip to visit John and Anja in England. While going through security at the airport Wolfgang's bag was pulled from the x-ray machine for further inspection. The security woman opened the rucksack and discovered a small pocket knife which he usually took when he went hiking. Wolfgang was not happy but he agreed for the knife to be thrown away.

Then the couple boarded the plane and Wolfgang wanted to stow the rucksack under the seat in front of him when he saw that there were two more knives in the bag. One of them was a big expensive pocket knife. He grinned and said to Helga, "At least they did not find the expensive ones!"



Hand luggage or suitcase?



Question words – make your own questions



Where _____ ?
Why _____ ?
What _____ ?
Who _____ ?
How _____ ?
When _____ ?

Airport – Put the right numbers in the gaps



- tower
- 1 terminal
- check-in desk
- security
- waiting area
- jumbo
- boarding stairs
- passport control
- baggage dolly
- baggage drop-off

Go to the departures 1 . Go to the ● and show your tickets and passport. Your passport must be valid for at least another six months. Don't forget to hand over your visa. The check-in desk is also the ● . Each suitcase must not weigh more than 20 kilos. After checking in go through ● . Any bottles of liquids must be 100ml or less. Empty your pockets and put any jackets, belts, hand luggage and electronic devices in the trays. Now you have to sit in the ● until you are called to your gate for boarding. Before you can go to your gate you must pass through duty free and ● . Your luggage has been taken to the plane on the ● and stowed safely. There is no gangway so you board the plane using the ● . Luckily, the plane is not a ● ! ● has cleared the flight. Take-off!

Biography

Track 14

Thomas Alva Edison (1847 – 1931)

Thomas Alva Edison was an American inventor and businessman who developed many inventions. As a child Edison was often sick so his mother taught him at home. During his life Edison filed over 1000 patents for many different inventions. He was one of the first inventors to use mass production techniques so his inventions would be available at low cost. These included the electric light bulb, the film camera and the electric power station.

