

TRAVEL TABOO

Describe it without the taboo words · Travel Phrasal Verbs · B1+

How to play

- Cut out the 10 cards below and shuffle them. Place the pile face-down on the table.
- Work in pairs or small groups. One player takes a card without showing it to the others.
- That player has 60 seconds to describe the phrasal verb at the top of the card — without saying any of the five taboo words underneath it.
- If the describer says a taboo word, the turn ends immediately and it passes to the next player.
- The group scores one point every time someone guesses the phrasal verb correctly before the time is up.
- Take turns being the describer. Play until all the cards are used — the player or team with the most points wins!

DROP (SOMEONE) OFF

DON'T SAY:

car · take · leave · drive · station

PICK (SOMEONE) UP

DON'T SAY:

car · collect · drive · meet · station

SEE (SOMEONE) OFF

DON'T SAY:

airport · goodbye · leave · wave · station

HOP ON/OFF

DON'T SAY:

bus · tram · quickly · board · jump

STAY ON

DON'T SAY:

bus · train · exit · remain · destination

GET AWAY

DON'T SAY:

holiday · vacation · leave · escape · break

STOP OVER

DON'T SAY:

flight · layover · journey · break · continue

HOLD UP

DON'T SAY:

delay · traffic · late · slow · wait

CHECK IN

DON'T SAY:

hotel · airport · register · arrive · desk

CHECK OUT

DON'T SAY:

hotel · pay · leave · bill · room

WOULD YOU RATHER...?

A travel-themed choosing game · B1+

Instructions for the teacher

- Before you start, label one end of the room “Option A” and the other end “Option B.”
- Read out question 1. Give students a few seconds to decide, then ask everyone to walk to the end of the room that matches their choice.
- Ask two or three students on each side to explain their choice, using the phrasal verb from the question.
- Bring the class back to the middle and repeat with the next question.
- Continue through all 10 questions — or stop early and let students vote on their favourite to discuss in more depth.

1. Would you rather always get away for a weekend on your own, or always get away with a big group of friends?

2. Would you rather stop over for one night in a new city on every long-haul flight, or always fly directly?

3. Would you rather be held up by traffic for an hour every day, or held up at airport security for an hour every time you fly?

4. Would you rather check in for a flight online the night before, or always check in at the airport desk?

5. Would you rather check out of a hotel super early (6 a.m.), or check out super late (6 p.m.)?

6. Would you rather have someone see you off with a big, emotional goodbye every time you travel, or always leave quietly with no one to see you off?

7. Would you rather hop on and off local buses to explore a new city, or use a private taxi for every trip?

8. Would you rather stay on a night train all night to save money, or pay more for a flight and sleep in a real bed?

9. Would you rather be picked up from the airport by a friend, or always make your own way home?

10. Would you rather be dropped off right at your front door, or be dropped off at the nearest bus stop and walk the rest of the way?

FIND SOMEONE WHO...

A classroom mingle • Travel Phrasal Verbs • B1+

Instructions

- Stand up and walk around the classroom with this worksheet and a pen.
- Ask your classmates the questions below, one at a time.
- When someone answers “yes,” write their name in the Name column.
- Ask one follow-up question to find out more, and note their answer in the Extra information column.
- Try to find a different classmate for each question — you can't use the same name twice!

Find someone who...	Name	Extra information
1. Find someone who was once picked up late from the airport or station.		
2. Find someone who has dropped someone off at the airport this year.		
3. Find someone who has gone to see a friend or family member off at an airport or station.		
4. Find someone who hops on and off public transport every day.		
5. Find someone who has ever accidentally stayed on a bus or train past their stop.		
6. Find someone who is planning to get away somewhere soon.		
7. Find someone who has stopped over in another city on a long trip.		
8. Find someone who has been held up by traffic or a delay recently.		
9. Find someone who always checks in online before a flight.		
10. Find someone who has checked out of a hotel very early in the morning.		

TRAVEL TALK

Walk, ask, and answer · Travel Phrasal Verbs · B1+

Instructions for the teacher

- Cut out the 10 cards below and hand one to each student. If you have a large class, make extra copies.
- Students stand up, find a partner, and walk around the room together.
- In pairs, students take turns asking and answering the question on their own card.
- After both students have answered, they swap cards and find a new partner.
- Continue for 8–10 minutes so students hear and answer as many different questions as possible.

Who usually drops you off at school, work, or the station?

Tell your partner about a time someone picked you up late. How did you feel?

Have you ever seen a friend or family member off at an airport? Describe it.

Do you prefer to hop on and off buses and trams, or take one direct route?

Have you ever stayed on public transport past your stop? What happened?

Where do you dream of getting away to next year?

On a long trip, would you rather stop over somewhere or fly non-stop? Why?

Tell your partner about a time you were held up somewhere unexpectedly.

Do you always check in online, or do you prefer to check in at the airport?

What's the earliest or latest you've ever had to check out of a hotel?

SWAP THE PROBLEM

Give advice, then swap · Travel Phrasal Verbs · B1+

Instructions for the teacher

- Cut out the 10 problem cards below and give one card to each student (or pair).
- Students walk around the room. When they meet a partner, they read their problem aloud, and the partner gives advice or suggests a solution.
- Both students then swap cards, find a new partner, and repeat.
- Encourage students to give a reason for their advice, e.g. "I think you should... because..."
- After several rounds, ask a few students to share the best piece of advice they received.

Your train is held up by over an hour and you're going to miss your connecting flight. What do you do?

The person who was supposed to pick you up from the airport isn't answering their phone. What do you do?

You accidentally stayed on the train and missed your stop by three stations. What do you do?

You need to get away for the weekend, but you have almost no money. What do you do?

You're not sure whether to stop over for one night or fly straight through on a 20-hour trip. What do you do?

Your hotel says you can't check in until 6 p.m., but your flight lands at 8 a.m. What do you do?

You have to check out of your hotel in ten minutes, but you're not packed yet. What do you do?

You offered to drop a friend off, but your car breaks down five minutes before you're due to leave. What do you do?

You promised to see your best friend off at the airport, but you're stuck in terrible traffic. What do you do?

You're not sure whether it's safe to just hop on a random local bus in a country you don't know. What do you do?



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