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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

UNIT 4 LANGUAGE EXPLORATION

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This insert is for use with **Question 1**.

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Text 1: Flying with children: Top tips for keeping kids happy on flights

Text 2: More than an airport

Text 3: Watching planes in the airport

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Text 1



Know what to expect, and flying with kids doesn't have to be hellish says our expert (Rex)

Flying with children: Top tips for keeping kids happy on flights

Learn from the woman with two children and two decades of flying experience

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Excited about hitting the beach with your little ones but dreading the flight? You are not alone, says [blogger Kelly Eroglu](#). The 41-year-old mother-of-two has worked as cabin crew for a major airline for more than 20 years and has experienced every type of child-related sky drama.

Whether you're travelling for the first time with a newborn or controlling your rabble has simply become unbearable, Kelly has some tips for you. Here's her (almost) foolproof guide to flying with kids.

Chilled parents, chilled kids

"I've seen so many people on planes stressed. It's the start of the holiday and you're stuck in a metal tube with the kids, you can't do anything with them and then for the whole holiday you're dreading the flight back. If you're a chilled parent though, the kids can read you, and they're so much better behaved."

Plan ahead

"I had some passengers coming back from LA to London last week who had nothing for the kids – no nappies, no baby milk, nothing. Luckily, we carry spare nappies and had a sachet of baby milk, but I honestly think people believe we have a warehouse at the back of the plane! We don't. Stock up on anything you think you will need."



No one likes airline food

“Many parents have this illusion that if they have fussy eaters on the ground, as soon as they get into the air, the children are going to eat everything. Obviously that’s not the case – and if you have kids who are super-excited, who can see their parents are stressed and who are hungry, they play up even more.”

“Preparation is key: preorder the children’s meal and also take your own meals and snacks. I recommend making snacks which keep well on a longer journey. Crew members will heat up baby bottles for you in a jug of hot water if you ask.”

Blogger Kelly Eroglu says preparation is key when flying with kids

Have tactics to combat boredom

“When you’re with kids you need to plan entertainment. Firstly, always ask for a window seat as it’s an amazing distraction for children to be able to look out.”



Prepare for the flight and bring tech support, says Kelly (Rex) (Rex Features)

“Come prepared with colouring books, pencils, crayons and craft packs. If you’ve got a long journey, pack iPads and tablets. Always make sure you’ve got a USB cable. A lot of aircraft now have ports so you can keep charging.”

“Get the kids to draw a picture of the pilot and ask the crew if they can hand it to them at the end of the flight. It’s good for them to have a goal.”

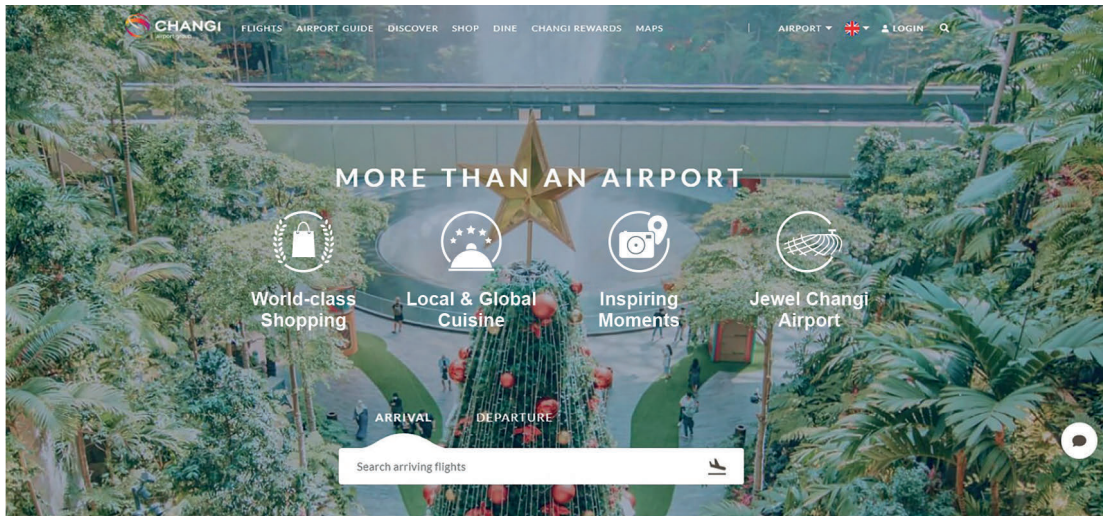
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[How to keep kids entertained on long journeys](#)

Prepare for landing

“When the plane is coming into land, air pressure changes; it can play havoc with children’s tiny ear canals and is really painful for them. I would advise parents to see if they can hold off on a baby’s bottle until they start the descent. When the baby is sucking it can help to relieve the pressure. For toddlers and older children, sucking on sweets or lollypops helps. I always used to tell my children to ‘be a fish’ and make popping motions with their mouths to relieve the pressure.”

Text 2



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Text 3

Watching planes in the airport.

Transcription key:

- (.) pause of less than a second
 (1.0) longer pause (number of seconds indicated)
bold stressed syllables
 [] simultaneous speech
 [*italics*] contextual information

- Mum:** where did that plane g- oh **there** it is Maryam (2.0)
- Maryam:** oh yeah there (3.0) then there's the same plane coming **up**
- Mum:** where's the next plane going to come from then Maryam (3.0)
- Maryam:** there (1.0)
- Mum:** I think he's just come in (1.0) **that** one (.) can you read what it says 5
- Lena:** Fly (.) B
- Mum:** mm (7.0)
- Maryam:** look at **that** plane
- Mum:** oh (.) he's going fast
- Maryam:** and he's a big one 10
- Mum:** look at all that **spray**
- Maryam:** whoa
- Lena:** it's cos it's a really **big** plane (.) [what kind]
- Mum:** [it's cos it's] wet as well
- Lena:** yeah 15
- Maryam:** is it
- Mum:** yeah (.) look outside (.) it's all shiny on the floor
- Lena:** what company is it
- Mum:** oh (.) I don't know that one (3.0) green white and black stripe (.) what (.) what 20
 flags have got green white and black in them (.) do you think it's to do with a flag
 (8.0) Lena (2.0) can you see the floor (1.0) as the water's being **pushed** away by
 the engines **look**
- Lena:** yeah
- Mum:** can you see the floor
- Lena:** uhuh 25
- Maryam:** [oh yeah]
- Lena:** [whoa]
- Mum:** it's just like a **water** slide isn't it
- Maryam:** under that plane
- Mum:** yeah (6.0) 30

- Maryam:** it's quite **fun** actually doing this
- Mum:** what (.) watching the planes
- Maryam:** uhuh (9.0)
- Mum:** it's a bit of a feat of organisation isn't it (.) working out who's going to take off when and who's not going to (.) crash into who (2.0) **ooh** Maryam watch 35
- Lena:** that's going so fast (3.0)
- Mum:** ready (1.0) and he's off (3.0) oh he doesn't seem to be taking off (.) maybe he's come in on a different runway (.) it's all very busy isn't it
- Maryam:** mummy (.) look at that **massive** plane
- Mum:** is that that one that you said (.) I think there might be writing on that one now (.) 40
isn't that the one (.) the one we didn't know whose brand it was
- Lena:** yeah
- Maryam:** look at that plane it's **massive**
- Mum:** mmm it's **huge** isn't it (.) Iceland Air
- Lena:** it's probably going to Iceland [*laughs*] 45
- Mum:** possibly

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