An airport departures board

Read an airport departures board to practise and improve your reading skills.

Before reading
Do the preparation task first. Then read the text and do the exercises.

Preparation task
Match the cities (1–8) with the countries (a–h).

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Cities</th>
<th>Countries</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. ..... Beijing</td>
<td>a. New Zealand</td>
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<td>2. ..... Buenos Aires</td>
<td>b. The Netherlands</td>
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<td>3. ..... Los Angeles</td>
<td>c. Mexico</td>
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<td>4. ..... Amsterdam</td>
<td>d. Argentina</td>
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<td>5. ..... Mexico City</td>
<td>e. The United States of America</td>
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<td>6. ..... Seoul</td>
<td>f. China</td>
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<td>7. ..... Christchurch</td>
<td>g. Russia</td>
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<td>8. ..... Moscow</td>
<td>h. The Republic of Korea</td>
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### DEPARTURES

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Flight</th>
<th>Destination</th>
<th>Gate</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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<td>10:45</td>
<td>XZ 3265</td>
<td>Chennai</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>SQ 0972</td>
<td>Amsterdam</td>
<td>23</td>
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<td>11:00</td>
<td>SQ 2509</td>
<td>Mexico City</td>
<td>19</td>
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<td>11:05</td>
<td>RT 9122</td>
<td>Buenos Aires</td>
<td>34</td>
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<td>11:10</td>
<td>XZ 6005</td>
<td>Los Angeles</td>
<td>05</td>
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<td>11:20</td>
<td>QE 0078</td>
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<td>33</td>
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<td>TY 2053</td>
<td>Christchurch</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>Delayed</td>
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<td>ER 7452</td>
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<td>25</td>
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<td>Kuala Lumpur</td>
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### Tasks

**Task 1**  
Match the phrases with the sentences.

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1. The plane isn’t here now.  
2. The plane is late.  
3. The plane is not going to leave.  
4. You can get on the plane now.  
5. The plane is leaving very soon.  
6. You need to go to a different place to get on the plane.
Task 2
Circle the best answer.

1. Can you get on the flight to Chennai?
   a. Yes  
   b. No  
   c. If you’re quick
2. Can you get on the flight to LA?
   a. Yes  
   b. No  
   c. If you’re quick
3. When is the flight to Beijing?
   a. eleven twelve  
   b. eleven twenty  
   c. twenty to twelve
4. Where is the flight to Seoul?
   a. Gate twelve  
   b. Gate twenty-four  
   c. Gate twenty-five
5. When is the flight to Kuala Lumpur?
   a. eleven twenty-five  
   b. eleven forty-five  
   c. twenty-five to twelve
6. Which flight left from Gate 34?
   a. a flight to Buenos Aires  
   b. a flight to Mexico City  
   c. no flight
7. When is the flight to Moscow?
   a. eleven twenty  
   b. half past eleven  
   c. half past twelve
8. Where is the flight to Los Angeles?
   a. Gate five  
   b. Gate fifteen  
   c. Gate fifty

Discussion
How often do you travel by plane? Which countries would you like to visit?
Answers

Preparation task
1. f
2. d
3. e
4. b
5. c
6. h
7. a
8. g

Task 1
1. Departed
2. Delayed
3. Cancelled
4. Boarding
5. Final call
6. Gate change

Task 2
1. b
2. c
3. b
4. c
5. c
6. c
7. b
8. a