

## 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).

#### Cities

1. .... Beijing
2. .... Buenos Aires
3. .... Los Angeles
4. .... Amsterdam
5. .... Mexico City
6. .... Seoul
7. .... Christchurch
8. .... Moscow

#### Countries

- a. New Zealand
- b. The Netherlands
- c. Mexico
- d. Argentina
- e. The United States of America
- f. China
- g. Russia
- h. The Republic of Korea

## Reading text: An airport departures board

DEPARTURES				
Time	Flight	Destination	Gate	Remarks
10:45	XZ 3265	Chennai	17	Departed
10:50	SQ 0972	Amsterdam	23	Departed
11:00	SQ 2509	Mexico City	19	Departed
11:05	RT 9122	Buenos Aires	34	Cancelled
11:10	XZ 6005	Los Angeles	05	Final call
11:20	QE 0078	Beijing	33	Final call
11:25	TY 2053	Christchurch	56	Delayed
11:25	ER 7452	Seoul	25	Boarding
11:30	XZ 0352	Moscow	12	Boarding
11:35	XZ 0569	Kuala Lumpur	27	Gate change

## Tasks

**Task 1**

Match the phrases with the sentences.

Final call	Departed	Delayed
Boarding	Cancelled	Gate change

- The plane isn't here now. ....
- The plane is late. ....
- The plane is not going to leave. ....
- You can get on the plane now. ....
- The plane is leaving very soon. ....
- 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