

LESSON 1 – Getting there

Refer to dialogue: A. Dialogue 1 – Getting there

STUDY NOTES

Characters

Rocky: A male visitor, first time in Australia.
 Angel: A female student, first time in Australia.
 Immigration Officer: At Melbourne Airport.

The story

Rocky has just landed at Melbourne airport. As he is waiting in line at Immigration, Angel, another new arrival, tells him he's in the wrong line. When Rocky finally gets to the Immigration Desk, the officer tells him he must fill out his Incoming Passenger card.

Information

Here is a list of the documents you are advised to carry with you to Australia. Carry originals in your carry on luggage and have copies in your check in luggage.

- Your valid passport with a valid Australian student visa.
- Your Confirmation of Enrolment letter or offer from the educational institution you'll be studying in.
- Confirmation of your airport pickup by the institution.
- Your accommodation details.
- Your birth certificate, credit card, an international driver's licence if you have one.
- Also bring all your important telephone numbers and addresses in your country and Australia.
- Bring prescriptions and/or doctor's letters for any prescribed medications. Make sure to leave the labels on all medicine containers.

Airport Language

Quarantine Requirements	Concern what you can and can't bring into Australia.
Customs	The government department and airport checkpoint that checks you are not carrying quarantined or otherwise illegal substances into the country.
Declared goods:	These are the quarantined articles that you tick the box for on your Customs Declaration Form. These goods may or may not be confiscated but if you do not declare them you may be liable for a hefty fine.
DIAC (The Department of Immigration and Citizenship)	Formerly DIMA (The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs). DIAC is responsible for granting and checking of visas, migration status and citizenship.
Jetlag	Feeling of queasiness and tiredness following a long flight to a country with a very different time zone.
Baggage, luggage, (also bags, suitcases, cases)	These terms are largely interchangeable.
Carry-on luggage	The bags you take into the cabin of the plane.
Check-in luggage	The bags that are carried in the cargo section of the plane
Baggage Carousel	The area where you pick up your check-in luggage.
Detector (sniffer) dogs	Used to detect illegal substances in passengers' baggage. Mostly around the baggage carousels. These dogs are not

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	<i>dangerous.</i>
<i>Letter of Acceptance</i>	<i>Formal letter from the college you are enrolled in.</i>
<i>International Student Pickup (Meeting Point)</i>	<i>The section where your connections will pick you up to take you into the city or to your accommodation. Note you must arrange and pay for this through your college before you leave your country.</i>

EXERCISES

1. Key Vocabulary

Look up the meaning and pronunciation of these words in your dictionary:

announcement	attention	bin
(to) confiscate	international	interpreter
procedure	queue	search
student	tourist	visa

2. Language Practice. Sample Exercise – English Placement Test

In order to be placed in a course, you will be required to sit an English placement test. Note that instructions for test exercises are usually written in English (as below).

Choose the word that best fits each space in the text below.

Australia

Australia is a land of contrasts. The central parts (1) Australia are desert and bush land. There are rainforests in the northeast and in the southeast there are snowfields. Approximately 70% of Australians live (2) one of the eight major cities.

(3) one in four Australians was born in another country and there are more (4) one hundred different ethnic groups. Approximately 17% of Australians speak a language other than English (5) home.

Cross one box for each number, eg: of

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3. Language Challenge

The /s/ sound: practise saying this tongue twister out loud:

'Stand still while we search your suitcase.'

4. Useful internet sites

Australian Embassy, Consulate, High Commission
<http://www.dfat.gov.au/missions/>

Australian visa information
www.immi.gov.au

About ELICOS
www.elicos.com/about-elicos.php

NEAS - accredited ELICOS schools
www.neasaustralia.com/fst.html

Australian institutions
<http://studyinaustralia.gov.au/sia/splash2.aspx>

Studying in Melbourne
<http://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/>

Presentation of visa file
<http://www.ausgovindia.com/ndli/files/FILE%20PRESENTATION%20for%20students%2epdf>

Australian Customs
www.customs.gov.au

Email queries
information@customs.gov.au

Answers

Exercise 2: 1) of 2) in 3) about 4) than 5) at