

Travel solutions

I can identify the context of a conversation and its register.

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1 Complete the collocations with the verbs below.

board book check in check into
hail hire miss reach

- 1 _____ your bags / your luggage
- 2 _____ a room / a flight / a holiday
- 3 _____ your destination
- 4 _____ a hotel
- 5 _____ a taxi
- 6 _____ a train / a ship / a flight
- 7 _____ a car
- 8 _____ your flight / your train

Listening Strategy 1

It is sometimes difficult to catch names and proper nouns when you listen. However, you can use the words around them (including collocations) to work out what they are (a person, a place, etc.). For example, if you hear 'We stayed four nights at the Grand Plaza', the underlined words tell you that the Grand Plaza is a hotel.

2 **2.12** Read Listening Strategy 1. Then listen to three short dialogues and answer the questions.

- 1 In dialogue 1, how are they planning to travel to their hotel?

- 2 In dialogue 2, what is the Aurora?

- 3 In dialogue 3, what does the man think he's lost?

3 **2.12** Listen again. Which verbs from exercise 1 helped you answer the questions in exercise 2?

- Dialogue 1: _____
Dialogue 2: _____
Dialogue 3: _____

Listening Strategy 2

Being aware of formal register can help you identify the context. Formal terms used in announcements include:

*adjacent to (next to) beverages (drinks)
to commence (to begin) to depart (to leave)
due to (because of) prior to (before) to proceed to (to go to)
to purchase (to buy) refreshments (food and drink)
to terminate (to end)*

4 Read Listening Strategy 2. Then complete the sentences with formal words from the Strategy that mean the same as the words in brackets.

- 1 Will all passengers for Milan please _____ (go to) gate 7b, which is _____ (next to) gate 9.
- 2 A wide range of _____ (food and drink) are available to _____ (buy) in the departure lounge.
- 3 Passengers are advised that some flights will _____ (leave) later than scheduled. This is _____ (because of) the weather conditions.
- 4 This train _____ (ends) at Manchester. Please note that hot and cold _____ (drinks) are available from the buffet car.

5 **2.13** Listen to three extracts. Which two are formal? Which formal terms from Listening Strategy 2 do they include?

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6 **2.13** Listen again and circle the correct answers.



- 1 What is the speaker's main purpose in extract 1?
 - a To make sure everyone has a map.
 - b To make sure nobody is late back to the coach.
 - c To make sure everyone has time to buy souvenirs.
- 2 Where is the announcement in extract 2 being made?
 - a On a train.
 - b At an underground station.
 - c In an airport terminal.
- 3 At what point in the flight is the announcement in extract 3 made?
 - a Just before take-off.
 - b Shortly after take-off.
 - c Shortly before landing at the destination.