



English for trips, travel and holidays

Claves para comunicarnos con seguridad fuera de nuestro país.



“Travel is the only thing that makes you richer.”

Except business trips; they make your company richer.

Structure of the Seminar



Grammar

To be or not to be?
Present Continuous

The airplane

Main vocabulary

Trip, Travel, Journey

Understanding the differences

Ways of transport

How to avoid scams and other
useful tips

Airport language

Arriving, checking in and
getting through customs

At the hotel

Checking in and relaxing

The Present



Present Simple

General truths or facts

Habits and routines

Present Continuous

Actions happening right now

Future plans or arrangements

Be careful!



We do not normally use the continuous with stative verbs.
Stative verbs are verbs of thinking and feeling



"I'm loving it"

Affirmative

Subject + 'to be' in present tense + present participle

Eg: I am doing, I am walking, I am speaking,...

Negative

Subject + 'to be' in present tense + not + present participle

Eg: I am **not** sleeping, I am **not** checking my phone, ...

How to form

The present continuous

Contractions



Interrogative

'to be' in present tense + subject + present participle

Eg: Are you listening? Is he paying attention?

Contractions

Remember that we can always contract:

Eg: I'm not sleeping, he's listening, Aren't they coming?

Do you generally contract or not?

How to form the present participle



Ends in consonant

Add -ing

Ends in "e"

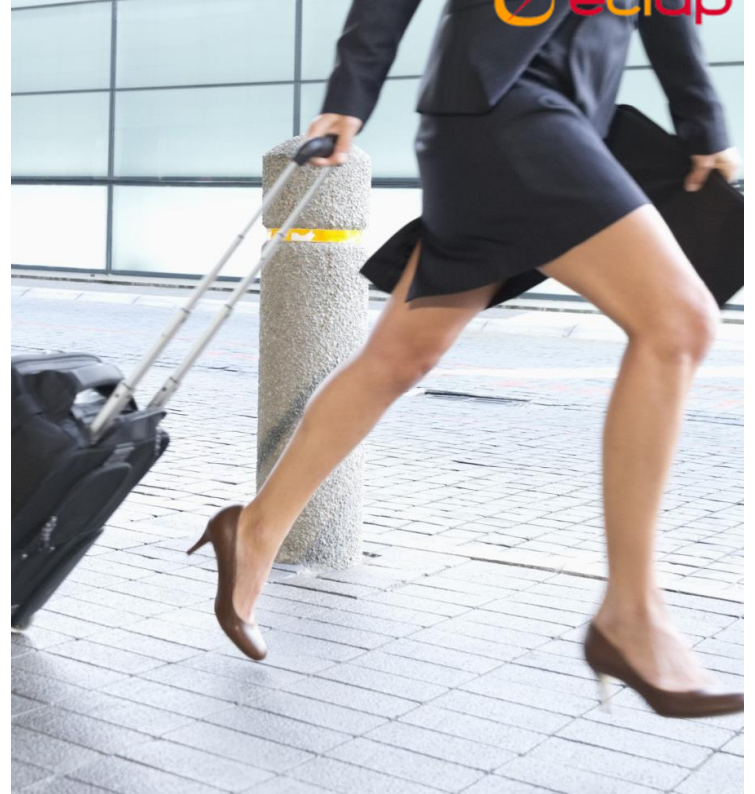
Replace "e" with -ing

Ends in Con-Vow-Con

Double the last
consonant & add -
ing

Ends in "y"

Just add -ing



She's running late, hurry!

Adverbials of time



Present continuous

- **Now**
- **Nowadays**
- **At this time**
- **At the moment**
- **Temporarily**
- **For the time being:**
- **Currently (not actually)**

I'm teaching a class right now.

Nowadays I'm practising my English skills.

At this time I'm listening to music.

I'm working at the moment. Can I call you back?

I'm living at my mother-in-law's house temporarily.

For the time being we are trying to focus on the project.

Currently I'm having a coffee. What would you like?

Careful with the exceptions...

Trip, Travel or Journey?

English vs Spanglish – what's the difference?





Trip (noun)

1. To go somewhere, for business or pleasure and to return.
2. Usually meant to be short

Eg: Business trip, weekend trip, city trip,...

We typically use the verbs *“take”* or *“go”* with trip.



Tickets, please.

- A round-trip is a ticket for going and coming back
- A one-way ticket is only for going



Travel: Noun and Verb

- The verb is used to describe going somewhere else
- Used to describe to the act

Eg: Travel in that region of the world is dangerous

Journey (noun)

- It refers to the act, the way or the length of getting somewhere
- It could also refer to a metaphor, where the journey is a step in our life.



Airport stages



Booking

When you pay the ticket you “book” it

Checking in

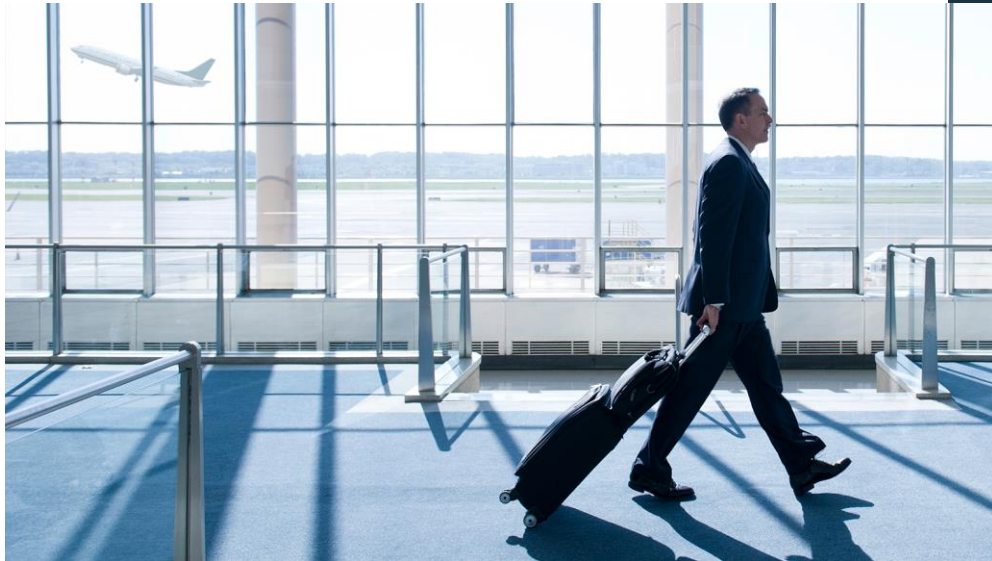
You arrive at the airport and drop off your luggage

Boarding

At your gate you get on the plane when your boarding pass gets called

Taking off

When your plane finally leaves



Airport language

The difference between gate and lounge,
oversized luggage and carry on,
visa and credit card.

Check in Questions

How many passengers are checking in with you?

Would you like to check any bags?

Do you have any carry on luggage?

What time does my flight leave?

What is my boarding gate?





Business

It is usually at the front of the plane. Tickets are generally more expensive.



Economy or Coach

This is where most people sit. It can be crowded and stressful.



First class: Travelling in style

First class tickets are usually for long-haul flights only and are often prohibitively expensive.

AIRLINE

Also called carrier. It is the name of the company.

ARRIVALS

When planes land people go here.

TO BOARD

To enter the aircraft, usually in order of seat number or by class.

BOARDING PASS

Your ticket to get on the plane.



DEPARTURES



ARRIVALS



BAGGAGE

CARRY ON

They are the small pieces of luggage are supposed to fit in the overhead bins.

TRAYTABLE

The little table in the seat in front of you.

WINDOW OR AISLE?

Do you want to see or do you want to walk?

CONVEYOR BELT

Also called the baggage carousel.



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– Massive JFK security agent
“Excuse me, Sir, would you
mind opening your bag
please?”

TIPS FOR CUSTOMS

1. Be polite
2. No phones or electronics
3. Always tell the truth



5 typical questions

➤ **What is the purpose of your trip?**

The customs officer wants to know if you have the right visa (business or pleasure)

➤ **How long do you intend to stay?**

Short-term vs Long-term. The customs officer might ask about your activities or return flight.

➤ **Where will you be staying?**

This is where you would answer the name of your hotel or the relative/friend that you're staying with. Make sure you have it written down because you cannot use your phone!

Don't be embarrassed to ask for repetition

5 typical questions

➤ **What is your occupation?**

They ask this question to check if you have the financial capacity to manage your trip.

The officer might also ask you if you intend to work while there.

➤ **Do you have anything to declare?**

Many articles might be restricted or even forbidden. Always make sure to check before packing them!

Don't be embarrassed to ask for repetition

A typical Customs chat

How to not sound suspicious



- May I see your passport please?
- Of course, here it is.
- Where are you coming from?
- From London, UK
- What is the purpose of your trip?
- I'm here on holiday.
- Enjoy your stay, welcome to New York.

DELAY

Sometimes our flight has a delay or we can also say that our flight is delayed.





Airplane

Useful vocabulary



The cabin crew

You

Excuse me, could I ask you something please?

Flight attendant

I would be happy to help you with anything you might need.

You

Would it be possible to change my seat so I could sit with my husband/wife?

Flight attendant

That shouldn't be a problem, but let me check and get back to you.

You

Of course, thank you so much.



Always be polite!

Remember that English speakers are very indirect, in nearly all contexts. Please and thank you go a long way.

Types of seats

1. Rows: Exit row vs Bulkhead?
2. Window seats
3. Aisle seats



Airplane review



Learning the lingo

	SIGNIFICADO
Would you like to have headphones	¿Quiere auriculares?
You will find a blanket and pillows on your seat	Encontrará una manta y unas almohadas en su asiento.
Do I need to fill out an arrival form?	¿Necesito completar un formulario de llegada?
Could I have some orange juice please?	Un zumo de naranja, por favor.
What time are we expected to land?	¿ A qué hora se espera que aterricemos?
The nearest bathroom is in front of you.	El baño más cercano está frente a ti.
Would you prefer the chicken or the pasta?	¿Prefiere pollo o pasta?
Please fasten your seatbelt.	Por favor abrochen sus cinturones.

Arrival review



Learning the lingo

FRASE	SIGNIFICADO
Do you know where I could find a map?	¿Sabe dónde podría encontrar un mapa?
Where is the currency exchange?	¿Dónde está el cambio de moneda?
Where is the bus/train stop?	¿Dónde está la parada de autobús?
Could you tell me where I could find a taxi/cab?	¿Dónde podría encontrar un taxi?
I would like to go to _____	Me gustaría ir a _____
How much will that cost?	¿Cuánto costará?
Can we drive past (famous place) on the way?	¿Podemos pasar (lugar famoso) en el camino?
How much do you owe you?	¿Cuánto le debo?
Keep the change!	¡Quédese con el cambio!

Hotel Review



Learning the lingo

FRASE	SIGNIFICADO
Good afternoon, I have a reservation under the name of _____	Buenas tardes, tengo una reserva a nombre de _____
Does the room come with a shared or private bathroom?	¿La habitación cuenta con baño compartido o privado?
I would like a queen bed, please.	Me gustaría una cama de matrimonio, por favor.
I would like two double beds, please	Quisiera dos camas dobles, por favor.
What floor is the room on?	¿En qué piso está la habitación?
Where are the elevators?	¿Dónde están los ascensores?
What is the password for the wifi?	¿Cuál es la contraseña para el wifi?
What time is check out?	Cuándo hay que dejar del hotel?



Please remember

Always be on time



“Better late than never” – Except for an international flight



Thanks!