

LESSON 34

Travel related Conversations

(i) Making plans for the weekend

- Vishal : What are you doing this Sunday? Do you want to go see a film?
- Kapil : I don't think so. I am not too fond of movies. Don't really enjoy them. Besides, I am tied down with work over the weekend. I will probably work through it.
- Vishal : It would be a good idea to have a short break after that. We could go to Badhkal Lake. It's just 30 kms from here. We can leave in the morning and be back in the evening.
- Kapil : That would be a good change. I think I'll do that. So we meet next weekend. See you Vishal.

Word/Phrase

1. tied down with work
2. over the weekend
3. work through it

Meaning

- very busy
on Saturday and Sunday
work without a break

(ii) Planning a visit to Corbett National Park



- Vishal : What are you doing this weekend Vikas?
- Vikas : My vacation begins this weekend. I am going out for a week.
- Vishal : Good for you! Where are you going?
- Vikas : I am going to Corbett National Park. It is not exactly a stone's throw from here, but it's close enough.
- Vishal : That's a great choice. I read about it last year when I was planning to go myself,

but I couldn't make it.

Vikas : That was unfortunate.

Vishal : Anyway, I am sure you will have a great holiday. We'll meet when you get back.

Word/Phrase

1. vacation
2. a stone's throw
3. couldn't make it
4. unfortunate

Meaning

- holiday
nearby, close by
could not go
unlucky

(iii) A business trip

Gaurav : *(to travel agent)* I need to make bookings for a flight to London. I will also be making a stop at Frankfurt.

Travel agent : Well, we have several fares on offer at the moment. Could I see your papers please? Is this a holiday or a business trip?

Gaurav : Business.

Travel agent : Right. You will need business visas for the UK and one for Germany.

Gaurav : I have the UK visa but will have to apply for the other one.

Travel agent : That's fine.

Word

1. fare
2. business
3. visa

Meaning

- the price that you pay to travel
buying and selling trade
a travel document, permission to enter a country

(iv) Passengers on a railway station

Passenger 1 : Which platform will the Goa Express arrive on?

Passenger 2 : Platform No.4. You will have to take the over-bridge to get to it.

Passenger : In that case I'll hire a coolie. He will be able to help me locate my compartment and seat.

Passenger 2 : The announcements say that the train is running an hour late.

Passenger 1 : Oh no! This will upset my plans. I think I'll buy a newspaper and magazines to while away the time.

Passenger 2 : You can also get hot tea, cold drinks and snacks at the stall in that corner.

Passenger 1 : Yes! That's a good idea. I'll go to the waiting room first and have a quick wash.

Passenger 2 : Sure.

Passenger 1 : Thank you for your help.

Word/Phrase**Meaning**

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| 1. over-bridge | a bridge over the railway lines connecting one or more platforms |
| 2. hire | engage, employ |
| 3. locate | to find |
| 4. upset | disturb |
| 5. to while away | pass the time |

(v) Wishing goodbye

- Rohit : Flight 204 to Calcutta has been announced. Passengers have been asked to board the plane. You better check in.
- Amit : I'll do that but the queue is still very long. I'll wait a bit. Thanks so much for all your help, Rohit.
- Rohit : You're most welcome. Have a good trip.
- Amit : See you soon, take care!

Word/phrase**Meaning**

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| 1. board | to get on to a bus, a ship, a train or a plane |
| 2. queue | a line of people waiting their turn |

(vi) Airport - Check-in counter

Suresh is travelling to New York with his daughter Arti.

- Airline Staff : Good morning, sir. Can I have your tickets please?
- Suresh : Yes of course. Here they are. Have you started checking in for the flight to New York? Is it on time?
- Airline Staff : Yes Sir, we have and it is on time. May I have your passports, please? I need to check the visas. Is that your daughter? Does she have a separate passport?
- Suresh : Yes she does. Here are both of them.
- Airline Staff : Thank you. Your papers are in order. Do you have a seat preference?
- Suresh : Could you give us a front row window seat and one centre seat?

Airline Staff : Let me see. That's not a problem. Here are your boarding cards, sir. You can now go through immigration and security. Have a good flight.

Suresh : Thank you.

Word/Phrase

Meaning

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| 1. check-in | register at hotel or airport or work place |
| 2. visas | a travel document, permission to enter a country |
| 3. papers are in order | papers are okay |
| 4. preference | something that you like more than the other |
| 5. row | line |
| 6. immigration | permission to enter into another country |
| 7. security | safety check at the airport |

(vii) Airport - At the boarding area

Suresh : Are we going to start boarding soon?

Airline staff : Yes sir. We are just about to announce the flight.

Suresh : Good. My daughter is a little tired. She had to wake up early this morning.

Airline staff : Give me a minute sir. We'll get you on board soon.

Announcement : Flight XZ 222 to JFK is now ready for boarding. We are calling passengers in rows 10 to 30. Please give way to passengers with small children.

Word/Phrase

Meaning

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| 1. boarding | getting on the plane |
| 2. give way | allow one to pass |