

Short story.



AIRPORT - A TRIP TO BARCELONA

Mom, Dad, Megan, and Jack booked a trip to Barcelona, Spain. Finally, at the beginning of the school holiday, the day they had to go to the airport arrived. They packed their bags with clothes, cameras, and their passports.

Dad used an app on his phone to call a taxi. The taxi dropped them off at a sign that said "Departures." Inside, they followed the signs that pointed to their check-in area. They stood in line with other travelers, waiting for their turn to check-in. When it was their turn, they handed their passports and tickets to a friendly lady behind the check-in counter. She checked their documents, weighed their bags, and tagged them with labels. They received their boarding passes, which showed their seat numbers and the gate number where they would board their plane.



The next step was to go through security. Their bags went on a conveyor belt and through an x-ray machine that checked it, they walked through a strange "door frame" with no door and picked up their belongings on the other side.

Following the signs, they arrived at their departure gate. They sat and waited for their flight to be announced. Finally, the announcement came over the loudspeaker, "Boarding for Flight EK327 to Barcelona now begins." They got in line and showed their boarding passes to the flight attendants.

They walked down the boarding bridge feeling a little nervous, but excited at the same time. As they stepped onto the plane they were greeted by the flight attendants who helped them find their seats. Once the plane took off, they looked out the window, watching their town getting smaller and smaller, and soon they were high above the clouds, on their way to Barcelona.

Comprehension Questions

1. Where did the family plan to go on their trip?
2. How did the family get to the airport?
3. Who did they give their passports and tickets to at the airport?
4. What did they go through at the security checkpoint?
5. What did they feel as they boarded the plane?

Teacher's Key

1. The family planned to go to Barcelona.
2. They took a taxi.
3. They gave their passports and tickets to the lady behind the check-in counter.
4. They went through a security checkpoint where their belongings were checked.
5. They felt a little nervous and excited as they boarded the plane.