

Unit 7: Getting Around

The Three-Paragraph Text

A Read the text. Then complete the exercise.

It's easy to imagine. You're standing in line at the airport and waiting to go through security. The line is long, and you're getting nervous because your flight leaves in 20 minutes. Luckily, you make it onto the plane. You're getting settled in your seat when the baby across the aisle from you begins to cry. The crying gets louder when the plane takes off, and it stops only occasionally during the seven-hour flight. But the crying isn't the only thing that prevents you from sleeping. Your throat is dry, and the sweater you're wearing is much too warm for the plane. By now, you're wondering, "Does air travel really have to be so difficult?"

Fortunately, there are several steps you can take to make air travel more pleasant. The first step is to give yourself plenty of time at the airport. Then, even if lines are long, you won't have to worry. Next, since airplanes are noisy, bring ear plugs or a portable stereo onto the plane. That way, you'll be able to sleep or at least relax and enjoy some music during the flight. You should also remember that air travel can be very dehydrating, so bring a bottle of water onboard or ask the flight attendant for drinking water. You'll feel better when you get to your destination if you keep yourself hydrated. Finally, dress in several layers of light clothing. If the plane is cold, you're prepared, but if you get too warm, you'll be able to remove a layer or two.

Air travel can be uncomfortable, but if you take steps to prevent some of the discomfort, you will have a better experience. By arriving at the airport a little earlier, packing a few things to make the flight more enjoyable, and wearing clothes that give you some flexibility, you'll arrive at your destination with a smile on your face.

1. What is the writer's purpose? _____
2. Underline the topic sentence in the second paragraph.
3. How many travel tips does the writer give in the second paragraph? _____
4. In the first paragraph, how does the writer prepare the reader for those travel tips?

5. Underline some of the compound and complex sentences in the article.
6. How does the third paragraph refer to information from the first and second paragraphs?

B Write a three-paragraph text that gives advice about some other form of transportation in your notebook. For example, car travel or taking a bus, train, or taxi.

Writing Tips

1. In the first paragraph, mention some problems with that form of transportation.
2. In the second paragraph, give advice for dealing with those problems.
3. In the third paragraph, remind the reader of the first two paragraphs.