

Passport Control and Customs Dialogues

You may have different experiences at the passport-control and customs sections depending on the laws of the country you are visiting as well as the type of items you are bringing in.

Passport official: Good morning. Can I see your passport?

Passenger: Here you are.

Passport official: Thank you very much. Are you a tourist or here on business?

Passenger: I'm a tourist.

Passport official: That's fine. Have a pleasant stay.

Passenger: Thank you.

Customs official: Good morning. Do you have anything to declare?

Passenger: I'm not sure. I have two bottles of whiskey. Do I need to declare that?

Customs official: No, you can have up to 2 quarts.

Passenger: Great.

Customs official: Have you brought any food into the country?

Passenger: Just some cheese I bought in France.

Customs official: I'm afraid I'll have to take that.

Passenger: Why? It's just some cheese.

Customs official: Unfortunately, you are not allowed to bring cheese into the country. I'm sorry.

Passenger: OK. Here you are.

Customs official: Thank you. Anything else?

Passenger: I bought a T-shirt for my daughter.

Customs official: That's fine. Have a nice day.

Passenger: You, too.

A: Good evening. Where have you come from?

B: Bucharest, Romania.

A: May I have your passport and form I-94, please?

B: Here you are.

A: What's the nature of your visit? Business or pleasure?

B: Pleasure. I'm visiting my relatives.

A: How long are you going to stay in the United States?

B: Three weeks.

A: What is your occupation?

B: I work as an accountant for a Romanian telecommunications company.

A: Do you have a return ticket?

B: Yes, here it is.

A: That's fine. Thanks. Enjoy your trip.

B: Thank you.

Agent: Good afternoon! Where are you flying to today?

Dan: Los Angeles.

Agent: May I have your passport, please?

Dan: Here you go.

Agent: Are you checking any bags?

Dan: Just this one.

Agent: OK, please place your bag on the scale.

Dan: I have a stopover in Chicago – do I need to pick up my luggage there?

Agent: No, it'll go straight through to Los Angeles. Here are your boarding passes – your flight leaves from gate 15A and it'll begin boarding at 3:20. Your seat number is 26E.

Dan: Thanks.

ENGLISH FOR TOURISTS
topic: **CUSTOMS/IMMIGRATION 1 (Dialogue)**

Choose the correct, most natural-sounding responses according to the context of the conversation:

BORDER GUARD: Welcome to the United States. Where do you live?

YOU: _____.

- ☐ Germany
- ☐ I'm German
- ☐ I was born in Germany

BORDER GUARD: And what's the purpose of your visit to the United States.

YOU: I'm going to _____ my brother. He lives in Boston.

- ☐ look at
- ☐ visit
- ☐ view

BORDER GUARD: How long do you plan to stay in Boston?

YOU: _____ two weeks.

- ☐ Also
- ☐ Along
- ☐ About

BORDER GUARD: And what do you do back home?

YOU: _____? I don't understand...

- ☐ Where
- ☐ Pardon me
- ☐ Too fast

BORDER GUARD: Your job... what do you do?

YOU: Oh, I'm a high-school _____. I teach Physics and Chemistry.

- ☐ teacher

☐ student

☐ learner