# **Travel Discussion Questions**

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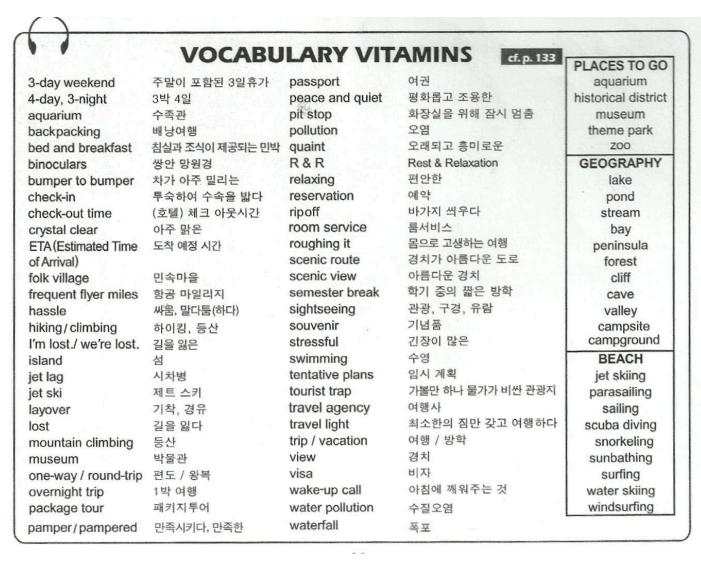
# Linguistic Challenges of travelling

- During your travels, which places and accents have been the easiest or most difficult to understand?
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### **Travel-related Phrasal Verbs**

Drop off - to take someone to a place and leave them there

Check in/into - to register at a hotel

Check out - to leave and pay for your stay at a hotel

Pick up - to go and fetch someone from a place and take them somewhere else

Set out - to start a journey

Take off - when a plane leaves and begins to fly

Get in - when a plane arrives on an airport or to enter a ground level vehicle (opposite = get out)

Get away - to leave to go somewhere for a break or holiday

Get on - to climb on board (opposite = get off)

Speed up - to increase speed

Look around - to explore what is near you, in your area

Hurry up - to rush and not waste time

Go back - to return

See off - to go the place someone is leaving from to say goodbye

Look forward - to look forward to something that is going to happen in the future

1. :	saw me off/dropped me off	9. get off
2.	hurry up	10. pick me up
3.	looking forward	11. got out
4.	got on	12. checked in
5.	get away	13. looked around
6.	take off	14. checked out
7.	speeding up	15. set out
8.	got in	16. go back/ get back

#### Travel Related Idioms

jump on the bandwagon	If a person or organization jumps on the bandwagon, they decide to do something when it is already successful or fashionable.
in the same boat	If two or more parties are in the same boat, they are in the same unpleasant or difficult situation.
miss the boat	If you miss the boat, you fail to take advantage of an opportunity because you don't act quickly enough.
(not) rock the boat	If you tell someone not to rock the boat, you are asking them to do nothing that might cause trouble or upset a stable situation.
drive a hard bargain	A person who drives a hard bargain always makes sure they gain advantage in a business deal.
drive up the wall	If somebody or something drives you up the wall, they do something that greatly annoys or irritates you.

backseat driver A passenger in a car who gives unwanted advice to the driver is called a

backseat driver.

my way or the highway 
It you say to someone 'it's my way or the highway', you are telling that

person that either they accept what you propose or they leave the project.

in the home stretch 
To say that you are in the home stretch means that you are approaching the

end of something such as a task, a race or a journey.

#### Travel Related Idioms

<u>Asleep at the wheel</u> If someone is asleep at the wheel, they are not doing their job or taking their responsibilities very carefully.

At the crossroads - If you're at a crossroads, you are a point where an important decision or choice has to be made.

<u>Backseat driver</u> - A backseat driver is an annoying person who is fond of giving advice to the person performing a task or doing something, especially when the advice is either wrong or unwelcome.

<u>Circle the wagons</u> If you circle the wagons, you stop communicating with people who don't think the same way as you to avoid their ideas.

<u>Climb on the bandwagon</u> When people climb on the bandwagon they do something because it is popular and everyone else is doing it.

<u>Cool your Jets</u> If someone is angry or unsettled, telling them to cool their jets means they should calm down <u>Country mile</u> - A country mile is used to describe a long distance.

Fall off the wagon - If someone falls off the wagon, they start drinking after having given it up for a time.

<u>Fifth wheel</u> - A fifth wheel is something unnecessary or useless.

<u>Full throttle</u> If you do something full throttle, you do it with as much speed and energy as you can.

<u>Go to town</u> Someone who goes to town does something enthusiastically and as completely as possible, especially if this involves spending a lot of money.

Hit the road When people hit the road, they leave a place to go somewhere else.

I'll cross that road when I come to it I'll think about something just when it happens, not in advance.

In the driver's seat If you are in the driver's seat, you are in charge of something or in control of a situation.

<u>Jump on the bandwagon</u> If people jump on the bandwagon, they get involved in something that has recently become very popular.

<u>Kick into gear</u> If something kicks into gear, it gets going or started.

<u>Kick the can down the road</u> If you kick the can down the road, you delay a decision in hopes that the problem or issue will go away or somebody else will make the decision later.

Put the carriage before the horse If you try to do things in the wrong order.

<u>Put the pedal to the metal</u> If you put the pedal to the metal, you go faster.

Rearrange the deckchairs on the Titanic If people are rearranging the deckchairs on the Titanic, they are making small changes that will have no effect as the project, company, etc, is in very serious trouble.

<u>Reinvent the wheel</u> If someone reinvents the wheel, they waste their time doing something that has already been done by other people, when they could be doing something more worthwhile.

Right up my alley If something is right up your alley, it suits you perfectly.

Rocky road If someone is going down a rocky road, they have problems and difficulties to deal with.

<u>Running on fumes</u> If someone has used all their energy on something, but must continue, they are running on fumes. It is an expression used when driving a car when the needle is on empty but still running.

Ship came in If your ship has come in, something very good has happened to you.

Smooth sailing If something is smooth sailing, then you can progress without difficulty.

<u>Squeaky wheel gets the grease</u> When people say that the squeaky wheel gets the grease, they mean that the person who complains or protests the loudest attracts attention and service.

Sunday driver A Sunday driver drives very slowly and makes unexpected manoeuvres.

<u>Take for a test drive</u> If you take something for a test driver, you try something to see if you like it.

That ship has sailed A particular opportunity has passed you by when that ship has sailed.

There's never a road without a turning No situation in life stays the same forever.

<u>Throw someone under the bus</u> To throw someone under the bus is to get the person in trouble either by placing blame on that person or not standing up for him.

<u>Tight ship</u> If you run a tight ship, you control an organization or business firmly to maximise performance.





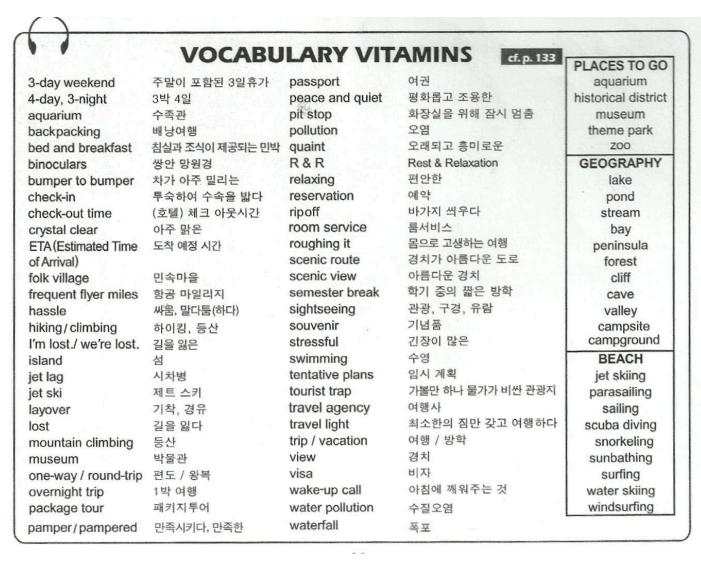
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