

STUDENT'S WORKSHEET · EVERYDAY ENGLISH

Can I take it on the plane?

LEVEL
A1 · Beginner

TIME
60 min

SKILLS
Reading · Speaking · Grammar · Vocabulary

Learning objectives

In this lesson, you can:

- understand a real table of airport rules
- say what you can and can't take on a plane
- use *can / can't* for rules and ability
- talk about travelling for work

Key vocabulary

hand luggage · hold luggage · security · allowed · scissors · umbrella · passport · wallet · charger · trip

Materials

- this worksheet
- web page: *Hand luggage restrictions at UK airports: Personal items* (GOV.UK)

1 Warm up

SPEAKING

Look at the pictures. What can you see? How are they connected to the topic? Then answer the questions with your teacher.



PICTURE A · hand luggage



PICTURE B · airport security



PICTURE C · scissors



PICTURE D · an umbrella

1. Do you travel for work? Where do you go?
2. What is in your bag today? Tell me three things.
3. What can you see at airport security?

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2 Vocabulary preparation

VOCABULARY

Part A: Match the words with the definitions.

allowed (adj) · umbrella (n) · hand luggage (n) · security (n) · scissors (n) · hold luggage (n)

1. _____ the bag you take on the plane with you
2. _____ the bag you check in; it travels under the plane
3. _____ the place at the airport where staff check your bags
4. _____ OK; the rules say yes
5. _____ a tool with two blades for cutting paper
6. _____ you open it when it rains

Part B: Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

toothbrush · passport · wallet · laptop · keys · charger

1. I need my _____ to travel to another country.
2. I check my emails on my _____ .
3. My phone has no battery. Where is my _____ ?
4. I clean my teeth with a _____ .
5. I open my front door with my _____ .
6. My money and cards are in my _____ .

3 Main input: read and learn

READING · GRAMMAR

The UK government has an official page with the rules for bags on planes. Look at the table "Other personal items".

READING

Hand luggage restrictions at UK airports: Personal items
GOV.UK (UK government) · official guide · read the table (about 2 minutes) · free
https://www.gov.uk/hand-luggage-restrictions/personal-items

Look at the table. Answer: Can you take a spoon in your hand luggage? Can you take a corkscrew in your hand luggage?

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Language focus: *can / can't*

We use *can* and *can't* for rules (what is allowed) and for ability.

	Rules at the airport	Ability
+	You can take a spoon in your hand luggage.	I can speak Spanish.
–	You can't take fireworks on a plane.	I can't drive.
?	Can I take an umbrella? – Yes, you can.	Can you swim? – No, I can't.

Remember: *can* + verb (no *to*): "You can take...", not "You can to take...". *Can* is the same for all people: I can, she can, they can.

Practice: Complete the sentences with *can't* or *can*.

1. You _____ take an umbrella in your hand luggage.
2. You _____ take fireworks on a plane.
3. _____ I take tweezers in my hand luggage? – Yes, you _____ .
4. You _____ take a corkscrew in your hand luggage, but you _____ put it in your hold luggage.
5. I _____ speak English a little, and I _____ write emails in English.

4 Reading comprehension

READING

Part A: Read the table again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Circle.

1. You can take a spoon in your hand luggage. T / F
2. You can take large scissors in your hand luggage. T / F
3. You can take small scissors (blades no longer than 6cm) in your hand luggage. T / F
4. You can take safety matches in your hold luggage. T / F
5. You can take fireworks in your hold luggage. T / F
6. You can take contact lens solution (up to 100ml) in your hand luggage. T / F

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Part B: Complete the table. Write *Yes* or *No*.

Item	Hand luggage	Hold luggage
a corkscrew		
an umbrella		
a knife with a sharp blade		
a nail file		

Part C: Think and answer.

1. Look at "Cigarette lighter". Where can you put it?

2. You have a business trip tomorrow. Write three things for your hand luggage: *I can take...*

3. Why do airports have these rules? Write one reason.

5 Speaking practice and discussion

SPEAKING

Part A: Choose TWO cue cards. Talk about each card with your teacher for 1–2 minutes.

Cue card 1: My last trip

- Where did I go?
- Bag: big or small?
- Plane, bus or car?

Cue card 2: My work bag

- What is in it?
- What can't I forget?
- Heavy or light?

Cue card 3: At the airport

- Early or late?
- Security: easy or difficult?
- Things I do before my flight

Cue card 4: Business travel

- How often do I travel?
- Good things
- Bad things

Cue card 5: Rules at work

- Things I can do
- Things I can't do
- A good rule

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Part B: Answer the questions with your teacher. Give reasons and examples.

1. What do you usually take in your hand luggage, and why?
2. What can you do at the airport before your flight?
3. What can't you do on a plane? Give two examples.
4. What things can't people take into your office or workplace? Why?
5. Which is better for a business trip: only hand luggage or a big suitcase? Why?

6 Lesson takeaway and wrap-up

REVIEW

Complete the sentences. Then tell your teacher.

1. Three new words from today: _____
2. One thing you can't take in your hand luggage: _____
3. For my next trip, I can take _____ in my hand luggage.
4. At work, I can't _____

Takeaway: Before you fly, check the official rules for your bags. It saves time at security, and you don't lose your things.

+ Optional extension / homework

WRITING

Write 40–60 words with the title "My hand luggage". Use: *I can take... / I can't take... / I always take...*

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Alternative activity:

Make a checklist for a colleague's business trip: five things he or she can take in hand luggage and three things he or she can't take. Present it to your teacher in the next class.

References

GOV.UK. (n.d.). *Hand luggage restrictions at UK airports: Personal items*. https://www.gov.uk/hand-luggage-restrictions/personal-items

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