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## **Get ready!**

- 1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.
  - 1 Why are announcements before landing important for flight attendants to make?
  - 2 What are some important things that passengers may be asked to do as they approach the airport for landing?



flight on Chambliss Airways. We will be landing at JFK International Airport shortly. Before we do, we need to take care of a few items. Please return to your seats and collect your belongings. Flight attendants are coming around to collect any trash. Pass any items you wish to discard to them. Did you recline your seat? Please, return your seatback to its original upright position. Also, lower any armrests. Tray tables should be locked into place. Also, we ask that you turn off and stow any electronics. Carryons go in the overhead bins or under the seat. Finally, please buckle your seatbelt and prepare to land. We hope you enjoyed your flight from Athens to New York. We look forward to flying with you again soon.



## Reading

- 2 Read the announcement script. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).
  - 1 \_\_ Passengers are asked to recline their seats before landing.
  - 2 \_\_ The armrests need to be lowered before landing.
  - 3 \_\_ Carry-on items can be placed in overhead bins.

## Vocabulary

- 3 Match the words or phrases (1-9) with the definitions (A-I).
  - 6 \_\_ tray table 1 \_\_ seatback
  - 2 \_\_ collect 7 \_\_ buckle
  - 3 \_\_ pass 8 \_\_ discard
  - 4 \_\_ recline **9** \_\_ lower
  - 5 \_\_ turn off
  - A to gather objects together
  - B to hand an object to someone else
  - C to cause something to incline backwards
  - **D** the part of the chair your back
  - E a small piece of plastic used to eat or work on that is used on an
  - F to power down electronic items
  - G to throw something away
  - H to attach two sides of something together in order to hold something
  - to move something closer to the ground



- 4 Read the sentences and choose the correct words or phrases.
  - The flight attendant collected our seatback/ trash before we landed.
  - 2 The tray tables/armrests make the airplane seats more comfortable.
  - 3 It is important for your seat to be upright/ buckled before we take off.
  - 4 I **locked/discarded** my tray table in the correct position.
- 5 Listen and read the announcement again. Where can carry-ons and electronics be placed before landing?

## Listening

- 6 Solution Listen to a conversation between a flight attendant and a passenger. Mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).
  - 1 \_\_ The man asks the woman to recline her seat.
  - 2 \_\_ The man says that the woman can leave her phone on.
  - 3 \_\_ The woman says she will put her carry-on item under her seat.
- We Listen again and complete the conversation.

Flight Attendant:	We are getting ready to land.  Do you have any 1?
Passenger:	No, I <b>2</b> already.
Flight Attendant:	Then please 3into position.
Passenger:	Okay, sure. Sorry about that.
Flight Attendant:	You will also have to return your seat back to an 4
Passenger:	Do I need to 5 my phone?
Flight Attendant:	Please. Electronics sometimes interfere with our radios. Can I put 6in the overhead bin?
Passenger:	No, thank you. I will just put it under the seat.

## **Speaking**

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

### **USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:**

We are getting ready to ...
You will also ...
Can I put ...?

**Student A:** You are a flight attendant. Talk to Student B about:

- discarding trash
- · changing their seat position for landing
- stowing his or her carry-on item

**Student B:** You are a passenger. Talk to Student A about what you need to do to prepare for landing.

### Writing

Use the conversation from Task 8 to fill in a checklist of flight attendant duties before landing.

