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Trouble at the Airport



1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.
What is the story about? Now read it.

REGINA, CANADA ¹A woman was at an airport in Canada, in a hurry to catch her plane. When she went through the **metal detector**^{*}, it made a noise. *Bzzz!* ²Airport **officials** carefully **checked** her. There were no **coins** in her pockets and no metal in her shoes. ³They told her to walk through again. *Bzzz!* The officials **searched** her once again. There was nothing! ⁴Finally, they **let** her **pass** and **board** the plane.

⁵Several days later, the woman had a **stomachache**. She went to her doctor and got an

X-ray^{**}. There was a 30-centimeter-long **metal instrument** in her stomach from an old **operation**. She was **surprised** and angry. So that was why she had a stomachache—and all the trouble at the airport!

⁶“Everyone makes mistakes,” a hospital official explained. “No one is **perfect**.”

^{*}detector: something that finds metal

^{**}X-ray: a photo of the inside of your body

NEW WORDS

metal *n* check *v* search *v* pass *v* several *adj* instrument *n* surprised *adj*
official *n* coin *n* let *v* board *v* stomachache *n* operation *n* perfect *adj*

>> See Glossary on page 88. >>

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.



3. Check your comprehension

Put the sentences in the correct order. Number them 1–7. The first one is done for you.

- a. ___ Airport officials checked her.
- b. ___ Now the woman understood her trouble at the airport!
- c. ___ Later, the woman got an X-ray because she had a stomachache.
- d. ___ The airport officials finally let her get on the plane.
- e. ___ The doctor found a long metal instrument in her stomach.
- f. 1 The woman walked through the metal detector, and it made a noise.
- g. ___ They found no coins or metal.

4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- a. Airport officials s_____ched the woman, but she had no c_____ in her pockets.
- b. They finally let her p_____ and bo_____ the plane.
- c. Sev_____ days later, the woman's doctor found a metal instr_____ in her stomach.
- d. A hospital off_____ later explained that no one is pe_____.

5. Listen to the story track 2

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.



6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

7. Answer the questions

About the story...

- Why did airport officials search the woman?
- Why did she go to her doctor?
- How did she feel after the X-ray?
- How do you think the mistake at the hospital happened?

About you...

- Do you like airports? Why or why not?
- Have you ever had trouble at an airport? What happened?
- What do you do when you get a stomachache?
- Have you ever had an operation? How did you feel?

8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

LET	
let someone do something	Airport officials let the woman board the plane. <i>My teacher lets us drink tea in class.</i> <i>I let my friend Eun-mi use my bike.</i> <i>My sister doesn't let me listen to her CDs.</i>

- My English teacher lets students _____.
- He/she doesn't let _____.
- I let my friend _____.

9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the pictures.

FEELING SICK



a stomachache



a headache



a cough



a cut



a bruise



a broken leg

- When I have _____, I drink tea or water.
- I have never had _____.
- I had _____ last year.

10. Take a dictation track 3

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

let	cough	official	surprised
several	metal	checked	operation

A Strange Cough

TAIPEI, TAIWAN For many years, a Taiwanese man had a bad (1) _____.

Finally, he went to see his doctor. The doctor (2) _____ him carefully but did not find anything wrong.

(3) "_____ me take an X-ray," the doctor said.

The X-ray showed a piece of (4) _____ deep

in the man's back. It was a large needle*, and it was near the man's lungs**. The man was (5) _____. How did the needle get there? When he told his wife about it,

she looked surprised, too. "Oh, dear!" she said. "I remember now. I lost a needle on our

bed (6) _____ years ago!"

A hospital (7) _____ said that the needle was dangerously close to the man's lungs. He had an (8) _____ and now the needle and the man's cough are gone.



* needle: a small piece of metal with a hole that you use to make clothes

** lungs: two parts inside your body that you use to breathe



Talk about the stories

How are the stories of the Canadian woman and the Taiwanese man similar? How are they different?