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Visual Guide: Post-Flight

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Time to Land

- Before we land, the pilot will talk over the loudspeaker and tell us how long is left before we arrive.



Preparing for Landing

- When the plane starts flying lower for landing, my bag needs to be in the overhead locker or under the seat in front of me. I make sure that all of my electronics are off and put away.



Starting to Land

- As the airplane flies lower to land, the front of the airplane will slant down. I might feel like I am leaning forward.



Wheels Down

- Before landing, I may hear a loud noise. I know the noise means the wheels are coming out so the airplane can land safely.



Touch Down

- When we touch down on the runway, I may feel a big bump. The airplane was flying very fast, so it may take a few moments to slow down.



After Landing

- After the airplane lands, it will drive to the gate. It is important to keep my seatbelt on until we get to the gate and the seatbelt sign above us is turned off.



Electronics

- It is now okay to turn my electronics off airplane mode if they are within reach. I can't take my bags out just yet.



Arriving at the Gate

- Once we get to the gate, we need to wait until we can get off the airplane. It may get loud and busy inside the airplane as people stand up to get their bags and leave the airplane.



Gathering All My Belongings

- When it's time to leave the airplane, I have to collect all my belongings. I should check under my seat, the pocket in front of me and in the overhead lockers to make sure I don't leave anything behind.



Leaving the Airplane

- There might be a long line of people waiting to get off the airplane. I can wait patiently until it is my turn to get off the airplane.



Walking Up the Jetway

- After I get off the airplane, I will walk through the jetway to walk inside airport terminal. Sometimes, instead of a jetway, we may walk down steps from the airplane door or even get a bus to the terminal.



Bathroom Break

- Once in the airport terminal, it may be a good idea to use the bathroom.



Changing the Time

- Once I arrive to my destination, I may be in a different time zone. This means that the time is different here than where I came from. The flight crew will announce the local time; this is a good time to adjust the time on my watch. My electronics should change automatically.



Immigration and Passport Control

- Now it is time to go through Immigration, which is sometimes called Passport Control. There may be a long line.



Passport Check

- Once we get to the immigration officer, he or she will ask to see my passport. I will hand it over and wait patiently until he or she says it is okay to go.



Baggage Claim

- Next, it is time to get our bags that we check in before our flight. I can pick up bags at an area called baggage claim, where bags come out on moving belts. Sometimes, it takes a few minutes to walk here.



Waiting for Our Bags

- Airport staff are working hard to get all of the bags off the airplane. When I am at baggage claim, sometimes it may take a long time to get my bag, so I have to wait patiently.



My Bag is on the Way

- When the bags start to come out, a loud siren may ring or lights may flash. This helps everyone know the belt will start moving and it is time to start looking for their bags.



Looking for My Bag

- The bags come down on the moving belt and go around in a circle. This makes it easier for everyone to see all of the bags. Sometimes it takes a long time to find my bag. I can remember to stay patient and keep looking.



Going Through Customs

- Once I get all my bags, it is time to walk through Customs as we walk outside. As I exit through the doors, I may take a train, car, or taxi to get to my next destination.



Have a great flight!

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