

Heavenly Skyways



Code Words and Phrases

Underground Airline Terms	Meaning
Actual Flying Time	The actual time that an aircraft is in the air
Airline	The core of air travel is as a mode of transport - how to get there. Airlines have one thing in common in that they share the skies and get you there by airplane. Outside of that, airlines vary widely. Even check-in and airport amenities are not the same. From offering pre-booked seating to meals and rebooking policies, airlines certainly do not fit into a one-size-fits-all description.
Airport Code Designator	The three letter code designated to represent the name of an airport
Airplane/Aircraft	A mode of sky transportation that flies passengers and cargo
Airstrip/Airfield	A kind of airport that consists only of a runway with perhaps fueling equipment
Airport	Places of safety and temporary refuge that can range from a single gate area to multi-terminal mazes where passengers wait for their flights
Airport Codes	Three letter codes used to identify airports (ex. YVR is Vancouver, Canada, EWR is Newark, New Jersey, etc.)
Air Traffic Control/Controllers	Air Traffic Control is a service provided by Air Traffic Controllers, designated persons that notify pilots of necessary holding patterns and other perceived dangers *See Air Traffic Controller Job Description
Air Traffic Control Tower	The name of the airport building from which the air traffic control unit controls the movement of aircraft on and around the airport
“A friend with friends”	A password used to signal arrival of passengers with the pilot
Baggage Handler	Marshals the aircraft in the gate, loads, unloads, and sorts cargo and baggage *See Baggage Handler Job Description
Boarding Pass	Delegates seat assignments on airplanes

Cargo	Food and supplies
Carry-on	Luggage that is permitted to be brought on to the aircraft by the passenger
Final Approach	A common term for landing an aircraft at the end of a flight
Final Destination	Final airport of arrival
Flight Attendant	The keeper of an airplane who ensures the security, safety and comfort of passengers *See Flight Attendant Job Description
Flight Number	A number designated to a particular flight
Flight Plan	Route and flying altitude
Gates	The physical areas of the airport where flights depart and arrive
“Holding Pattern”	When Air Traffic Control has a flight turn away from the airport and remain at an assigned altitude instead of landing. The pilots then await further instructions
Itinerary	A list of flights that a passenger is scheduled to take
Jet Lag	The tired, often disorienting way a passenger feels after traveling through many time zones in a short amount of time
Landing	The last part of a flight where a flying airplane returns to the ground
Layover	Usually an overnight stop during the flight portion of a trip, involving a change of airplanes or another form of transportation
Load Restriction	Occurs when aircraft weight is reduced due to fuel requirements, luggage weight, or cargo. When the weight and balance of an aircraft requires it, a load restriction means that some things must be left behind, or a reduction in the number of passengers allowed on board may be reduced. Sometimes load restrictions are done well ahead of time, sometimes close to the last minute
Mechanic	Airport personnel that keep the planes operating safely and efficiently. They service, repair, overhaul, and test aircraft *See Aircraft Mechanic Job Description
Non-Stop Flight	A flight that does not stop at another airport before reaching its point of arrival
Off Line Connection	A connection that not only involves a change of planes, but a change of airlines as well
On-Line Connection	A connection that involves a change of airplanes but not a change of airlines
Passenger	One who flies on an airplane
Plane Spotters	Enthusiasts who spot secret planes
Pilot	One who transports passengers *See Pilot Job Description

Red Eye	An overnight flight that arrives early the following morning
Round Trip	A flight itinerary that involves flying to a single destination and back
Runway	Area which the flight will “take off” and land
Standby	The procedure of waiting for a seat to open up on a flight on which a passenger is not booked/confirmed
Stockholder	Donor of money, clothing, food and supplies
Stopover	A planned stop of at least one night (or more than 4 hours domestically), and then continuing the next part of a flight itinerary
“Take Off”	The phase of flight in which an aircraft goes through a transition from taxiing to flying in the air, usually starting on a runway
Taxiing	The movement of an aircraft on the ground
“The wind blows from the south today”	Warning of Plane Spotters nearby
Ticket	A contractual travel document between a traveler and an airline
Ticket Agent	Ticket agents issue tickets and are responsible for assisting passengers with their travel needs. *See Ticket Agent Job Description