

Intermediate 1
Unit 5 Dialog
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At the Customs

customs = the place at a port, airport, or border where travelers' bags are looked at to find out if any goods are being carried illegally

Mr. Kantoni is checking in at the airport.

According to the web search results, the last name Kantoni is most likely of Italian origin.

Check-In Clerk: Put your baggage on the scales, please.

clerk (US /klɜ:k/, UK /kla:k/) = employee

check in ≠ check out

check in = to go to a desk in a hotel, an airport, etc. and tell an official there that you have arrived

- *Please check in at least an hour before departure.*
- *We've checked in at the hotel.*

baggage = luggage, suitcases

Point:

baggage, luggage → Uncountable

- ✗ My **baggages** are heavy.
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scales = scale = a device for measuring weight

Mr. Kantoni: Here we go. I think it's under the limit.

Check-In Clerk: Well, I'm afraid your bags are a bit overweight.

here we go = here you are

limit = maximum amount; ceiling

I'm afraid = I'm sorry

a bit = a little

overweight = heavy; more than the permitted weight

Mr. Kantoni: Oh, really? How much do they weigh?

Check-In Clerk: They come nearly to 33 kilos. You're only allowed up to 30 kilos.

weigh = have a particular weight

- *The baby weighs 4 kilograms.*
- *Mr. Kantoni's baggage weighs 33 kilos.*

weigh = measure a person's weight or the weight of something

- *The doctor is weighing the baby.*
- *The check-in clerk weighed Mr. Kantoni's baggage.*

How much do they weigh? = What is their weight?

come to = add up to = to be a particular total when numbers or amounts are added together

- *The bill came to \$30.*
- *That comes to £25.*
- *I never expected those few items to come to so much.*

nearly = almost

allow = permit

be allowed = be permitted

- **Passive:** *You are allowed up to 30 kilos of baggage.*
- **Active:** *The Airline allows you up to 30 kilos of baggage.*

up to = as much as

Mr. Kantoni: It's the books. I'll take them with me on board.

Check-In Clerk: Fine. Your baggage tag is attached to your ticket.

It's the books. = My baggage is overweight because of the books.

on board = on the airplane

tag = label

attach = enclose = to fasten or join one thing to another

- *Use this cable to attach the printer to the computer.*
- *In the UK, packets of cigarettes come with a government health warning attached to them (= on them).*
- *I attach (= am sending, usually with a letter) a copy of our latest report.*

Mr. Kantoni: Thanks, and what do I do now?

Check-In Clerk: Go on to passport control, please.

go on = to move to the next thing or stage

Full Text:

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Mr. Kantoni is checking in at the airport.

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Sample Summary:

Mr. Kantoni has to check in his baggage at the airport, but he finds out that his bags are 3 kilos over the limit. He decides to take some books out of his bags and carry them with him on the plane. The check-in clerk gives him his baggage tag and tells him to go to passport control.

Source:

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