

Pre-Intermediate 3
Unit 1 Reading
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Travel Wisely, Travel Well

wise (adj) = logical, reasonable

- *a wise decision*
- *a wise man*

wisely (adv.) = logically

wisdom (n.) = reason, logic

A businessman who travels all over the world gives a little advice on “wise traveling”.

on = about

advice (Uncountable Noun) = recommendations

- *My grandpa gave me some advice.*
- *My grandpa gave me two pieces of advice.*
- *The businessman gives us three pieces of advice on wise traveling.*

I have learned, often the hard way, that there are a few simple rules about how to make life easier both before and after your journey. First of all, always check and double-check departure times. It is amazing how few people really do this carefully. Once I arrived at the airport a few minutes after ten. My secretary had got the ticket for me and I thought she said that the plane left at 10:50. I walked calmly to the departure desk, thinking I still had a little time to spare. I didn't bother to take a good look at the ticket. The clerk at the desk told me politely but firmly that the departure time was 10:15 and that the flight was, according to international regulations, “now closed”. I had to wait three hours for the next one and missed an important meeting.

rule = law; regulation

journey = trip

double-check = check again

departure = the beginning of a trip

amazing = surprising

few = not enough number of; almost no

a few = enough, but not many

had got (British) = had gotten (American)

spare = save

bother = take the trouble to do something

firm (adj.) = serious

firmly (adv.) = seriously

according to = based on

regulations = rules and laws

The second rule is to remember that even in this age of credit cards, it is still important to have at least a little of the local currency with you when you arrive in a country. This can be absolutely essential if you are flying to a place few tourists normally visit. A few years ago, I took a business trip to Oklahoma. I flew there from London via Dallas, with very little time to change planes in between. I arrived there at midnight and the bank at the airport was closed. The only way to get to my hotel was by taxi and since I had no dollars, I offered to pay in pounds instead.

"Listen, buddy! I only take real money!" the driver said angrily. Luckily, I was able to borrow a few dollars from a clerk at the hotel, but it was very embarrassing.

age = time

at least ≠ at most

currency = the money used in a particular country

➤ cryptocurrency = digital money like bitcoin

absolutely = definitely, completely

essential = necessary

fly → flew, flown

via = through

little = almost no; not enough

since = because

instead = alternatively

buddy = friend

luckily = fortunately

embarrassing = annoying, disturbing

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destination ≠ departure

destination = a place where a trip ends

colleague = co-worker, workmate

fairly = rather

cool = a little cold

rapid = fast

Main Ideas

If you want to travel wisely and well,

- ❖ check and double-check your departure time.
- ❖ have some local currency with you.
- ❖ check the weather at your destination and take the right sort of clothes with you.

Full Text:

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Sample Summary:

The text provides three key pieces of advice for smart traveling based on the businessman's experiences:

1. **Check Departure Times:** It's crucial to verify and re-verify your flight times. The businessman shares a personal anecdote where a misunderstanding of the departure time caused him to miss his flight and an important meeting.
2. **Carry Local Currency:** Despite the prevalence of credit cards, having some local currency is essential, especially in less touristy destinations. The businessman recounts an incident in Oklahoma where not having dollars led to an embarrassing situation with a taxi driver.
3. **Know the Weather:** Understanding the weather at your destination is important to pack appropriate clothing. The businessman empathizes with those who travel from cooler climates to warmer ones without the right attire, highlighting the discomfort that can cause.

These rules emphasize the importance of preparation and local knowledge to ensure a smooth and stress-free travel experience.

Sample Summary:

Here's the summary in simpler English:

1. **Double-check your flight time:** Make sure you know exactly when your plane leaves. The businessman missed his flight and an important meeting because he got the time wrong.
2. **Have some money from the country you're going to:** It's good to have some cash in the currency of the place you're visiting. The businessman had a problem because he didn't have dollars to pay for a taxi in Oklahoma.
3. **Check the weather where you're going:** Know what the weather will be like so you can bring the right clothes. The businessman talks about people who wear heavy clothes to hot places and feel uncomfortable.

These tips are to help you travel without problems.

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