



How Airports Influence Human Behavior: The Surprising Truth

Description

Many people see strange or bad behaviour at airports and on planes. Some people sleep on the floor or practice yoga. Others argue loudly or even try to open the airplane doors while flying.

These problems seem to be getting worse. There are more angry passengers and flights being diverted. Some want to stop or limit alcohol sales at airports. For example, RyanAir wants to limit drinks to two per person at airport bars.

Why do we act differently in airports? Airports give a special feeling. Many feel excited and ready for a holiday. But some people are nervous about flying. This can make them drink alcohol.

Airports can also confuse us. Time and place feel strange. We wait for flights and think about the future. This can make us frustrated if our flight is delayed.

In airports, we can feel free or lost. Some people change their behaviour. They may joke with strangers or act in ways they normally wouldn't. Banning alcohol might help reduce bad behaviour. It is a tough choice, but it could be a good idea.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Behaviours** /bɪ'heɪ.vjərs/ (noun): The way in which one acts or conducts oneself especially towards others.
2. **Diverted** /dɪ'vɜːr.tɪd/ (verb): To change the direction or purpose of something.
3. **Alcohol** /'æɪ.kəl.hɔːl/ (noun): A volatile flammable liquid that is produced by the fermentation of sugars and is used as a beverage.
4. **Frustrated** /frʌs'treɪ.tɪd/ (adjective): Feeling or expressing distress and annoyance especially because of inability to change or achieve something.
5. **Excited** /ɪk'saɪ.tɪd/ (adjective): Eagerly enthusiastic and exhilarated.
6. **Confused** /kən'fjuːzd/ (adjective): Unable to think clearly or understand something; perplexed.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What are some behaviors that people exhibit at airports and on planes?
 - Option: Sleeping on the floor
 - Option: Practicing yoga
 - Option: Arguing loudly
 - Option: Trying to open airplane doors while flying
 - Option: All of the above

2. Who wants to limit drinks to two per person at airport bars?
 - Option: United Airlines
 - Option: Delta Air Lines
 - Option: RyanAir
 - Option: Emirates

3. What special feeling do airports give many people?
 - Option: Anxious
 - Option: Excited and ready for a holiday
 - Option: Bored
 - Option: Confused

4. Why do some people drink alcohol at airports?
 - Option: To relieve nervousness about flying
 - Option: To cause trouble
 - Option: To fall asleep
 - Option: To stay awake during the flight

5. How do airports make people feel in terms of time and place?
 - Option: Familiar
 - Option: Strange
 - Option: Confident
 - Option: Indifferent

6. What is suggested as a potential solution to reducing bad behavior in airports?
 - Option: Increasing alcohol sales
 - Option: Implementing stricter security measures
 - Option: Banning all passengers
 - Option: Banning alcohol



True-False

- 7. More angry passengers and flights being diverted are signs that airport behaviors are improving.
- 8. Airports can make people feel free or lost.
- 9. Some people act in ways they normally wouldn't at airports.
- 10. Restricting alcohol sales at airports is not considered a good idea to combat bad behavior.
- 11. Airport bars should be allowed to sell unlimited drinks per person.
- 12. Feeling frustrated due to flight delays is uncommon at airports.

Gap-Fill

- 13. Some people at airports may change their behavior and joke with strangers or act in ways they normally wouldn't, suggesting that airports can make some individuals feel _____ or lost.
- 14. RyanAir wants to limit drinks to two per person at airport bars to help reduce bad behavior because they believe it could be a _____ idea.
- 15. Airports can make people feel excited and ready for a holiday, but some individuals may feel nervous about flying, leading them to drink _____.
- 16. In airports, some people may act in ways that they normally wouldn't by arguing loudly or even trying to open airplane doors while _____.
- 17. Time and place at airports can feel strange, especially when individuals are waiting for flights and thinking about the _____.
- 18. The increasing number of angry passengers and flights being diverted suggest that problems related to _____.



behaviors in airports and on planes are _____ worse.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. All of the above 2. RyanAir 3. Excited and ready for a holiday 4. To relieve nervousness about flying 5. Strange 6. Banning alcohol

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. free 14. good 15. alcohol 16. flying 17. future 18. getting

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What celestial object is often a subject of scientific research due to its potential impact on Earth?

Option: Meteor

Option: Comet

Option: Asteroid

Option: Galaxy

2. Which substance can impair cognitive functions when consumed excessively?

Option: Water

Option: Tea

Option: Coffee

Option: Alcohol

3. What is an unexpected event that may cause harm or disruption?

Option: Routine

Option: Incident

Option: Success

Option: Joy

4. Which type of live bacteria are considered beneficial for gut health?

Option: Virus

Option: Parasites

Option: Fungi

Option: Probiotics

5. What term is used to describe individuals who did not succumb to a dangerous situation?

Option: Lost



- Option: Survived
- Option: Trapped
- Option: Drowned

6. Which emotion is characterized by a high level of enthusiasm and anticipation?

- Option: Calm
- Option: Bored
- Option: Excited
- Option: Tired

7. What microorganisms can be both harmful and beneficial to human health?

- Option: Fungi
- Option: Bacteria
- Option: Parasites
- Option: Virus

8. What term relates to mental processes including perception memory and problem-solving?

- Option: Physical
- Option: Emotional
- Option: Cognitive
- Option: Social

9. What systematic investigation aims to discover and interpret facts?

- Option: Guesswork
- Option: Research
- Option: Rumors
- Option: Hearsay

10. What is a place of refuge or safety where people animals or plants are protected?

- Option: Desert
- Option: Sanctuary
- Option: Jungle
- Option: Cave

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Asteroids can have a significant _____ on Earth if they collide with the planet.
12. Scientists have raised _____ about the potential dangers of certain behaviors.
13. The helicopter crash resulted in a _____ loss of lives.



14. The internet has revolutionized how people are _____ globally.
15. Scientists are conducting groundbreaking _____ on cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease.
16. The authorities _____ the path of the asteroid to avoid a collision with Earth.
17. Laughter is _____ and can spread positivity among people.
18. Eating a balanced diet ensures that your body receives essential _____ for good health.
19. Behavioral changes can be observed when people are under the influence of _____.
20. The team of scientists is researching the effects of gut _____ on cognitive function.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The hikers packed essential gear and food for their trip into the wilderness.
22. The farmers were thankful for the abundant precipitation that nourished their crops.
23. The psychologist studied the various reactions and actions exhibited by the subjects.
24. The complex instructions left the students feeling bewildered and puzzled.
25. The rescue team arrived swiftly at the scene of the accident in the mountainous terrain.
26. The travelers boarded the train for a scenic journey through the countryside.
27. The unexpected occurrence led to chaos and confusion in the bustling city center.
28. The workshop encouraged active participation and engagement among the attendees.
29. Globalization has made the world more interlinked and united in various aspects.
30. The children were thrilled and eager about the upcoming holiday festivities.



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Asteroid 2. Alcohol 3. Incident 4. Probiotics 5. Survived 6. Excited 7. Bacteria 8. Cognitive 9. Research 10. Sanctuary

Gap-Fill: 11. impact 12. concerns 13. tragic 14. connected 15. research 16. diverted 17. contagious 18. nutrients 19. alcohol 20. research

Matching sentence: 1. Supplies 2. Rainfall 3. Behaviours 4. Confused 5. Helicopter 6. Passengers 7. Incident 8. Interaction 9. Connected 10. Excited

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