



Going through customs

Role-play

Customs Officer: Can I see your passport, please?

Passenger: Certainly, here you are.

Customs Officer: Where have you come from?

Passenger: I`ve come from Tokyo.

Customs Officer: Is this your first time in the U.K.?

Passenger: Yes.

Customs Officer: How long are you coming to the U.K. for?

Passenger: For 2 weeks.

Customs Officer: Business or pleasure?

Passenger: Pleasure. I will visit my friends in London.

Customs Officer: I see. Have you got anything to declare?

Passenger: No, I don`t think so. Just this bottle of gin from the duty-free shop.

Customs Officer: That`s alright, it`s within your duty-free allowance. Thank you.



Vocabulary I

- 初めて
- 免税
- レジャー
- 申告する
- かしこまりました
- ビジネス
- 大丈夫
- パスポート
- 制限

- business
- declare
- certainly
- duty-free
- passport
- alright
- first time
- allowance
- pleasure

Advanced Vocabulary

1.Restricted goods

- The country controls how much of it enters the country.

2.Banned goods

- Goods that you cannot bring into the country.

3.Smuggle

- To take banned goods into a country in secret.

4.Exotic species

- An animal, insect or plant that is not native to the country.

- ☆ 禁じられたグッズ ☆ 密輸する
- ☆ 制限品 ☆ 外来種



Fill in the blanks

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Customs Officer: Is this your _____ in the U.K.?

Passenger: Yes.

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Useful Expressions

What you say:

- I am staying with my friends.
- I am traveling with my family.
- I have a carton of cigarettes.

What you hear:

- What`s the purpose of your visit?
- Are you traveling alone?
- Please take your hat off.

Practice

Fill in the question:

Q:

A: No, I`ve been to the U.K. 3 times before.

Q:

A: I will travel around the U.K. visiting famous gardens

Q:

A: No, I have come with my husband.

Q:

A: Certainly, do I need to take off my glasses, too?



Conversation Questions

1. Are customs officers kind or strict?
 2. Do you feel nervous when you go through customs?
 3. What do you sometimes buy at the duty-free shop?
 4. Do you think they ask you too many questions?
 5. What kind of things are banned goods?
 6. What kind of things are restricted goods?
 7. Why do you think people smuggle?
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