

Going Through Customs



Section 1: Dialogue

Please read the following dialogue between an arriving traveller and airport customs officer at the airport in Los Angeles.

Customs officer: Good morning. Welcome to Los Angeles. May I look at your declaration form?

Traveler: Certainly. Here you go.

Customs officer: Do you have anything to declare?

Traveler: No, nothing. Just within the normal allowance.

Customs Officer: What do you have in this suitcase?

Traveler: Clothes, personal belongings, and 2 bottles of wine.

Customs Officer: Ok, do you have anything else besides these?

Traveler: No, that's all.

Customs Officer: Are you carrying more than ten thousand dollars?

Traveler: No.

Customs Officer: Ok, thank you. You may proceed. Have a nice stay in the United States.

Traveler: Thank you. I am sure I will.

Section 2: Useful Expression

Please take note of the following useful expressions.

1. Here you go.
2. I have no items to declare.
3. This is my first time to visit America.
4. I just have clothes, and my personal belongings.
5. I brought under five thousand dollars.
6. I have two bottles of wine.
7. Certainly!
8. Just within the normal allowance.
9. I am here on business.
10. Thank you.

Section 3: Vocabulary Words and Expressions

Please read the vocabulary word/ expression with its definition and sample sentence.

Vocabulary Word	Sample Sentence
declare [di klér] verb	I have nothing to declare.
allowance [ə lów əns]	I am within the normal allowance.
belonging [bi lównɡing] noun	I have my belongings in my suitcase.
carry [karee] verb	Can you help me with my suitcase?
proceed [prō seed] verb	You may proceed to Customs.
suitcase [sóot káyss] noun	I have packed my suitcase.

Section 4: Completing the Conversation Exercise

Please complete the dialogue by using the words from the box below.

Customs officer: Do you have anything to _____?

Traveller: No, nothing. All my things are under the normal _____.

Customs Officer: What do you have in this _____?

Traveller: Just my personal _____s, such as clothes, and a few books.

Customs Officer: Are you _____ing more than ten thousand dollars?

Traveller: No.

Customs Officer: Ok, thank you. You may _____. Have a nice stay in the United States.

Traveller: Thank you. I am sure I will.

Declare	Allowance	Belonging	Carry	Proceed	Suitcase
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