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## Passports

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One minute a day is all you need to improve your listening skills.  
Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.  
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## THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/p/passports.html>

Passports are interesting things. I wonder who decides their design. Who thinks up the words to put inside? They are also pretty simple things. A passport is really just a tiny book full of empty pages and some personal information and a photo. I've always thought it must be easy to make a fake passport. I've heard passports sell for a lot of money on the black market, especially American ones. Without a passport we can't travel. Our passport makes it so easy for us to go anywhere. I love it when my passport gets old because it's full of visas and entry and exit stamps. Passports were originally for ship passengers, a pass for the ports during a sea journey. Perhaps today they should be called something different.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

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# STUDENT PASSPORTS SURVEY

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/p/passports.html>

Write five GOOD questions about passports in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITING

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/p/passports.html>

**Write about passports for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about passports. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about passports. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. PASSPORTS POSTER** Make a poster about passports. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY PASSPORTS LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on passports. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on passports. Share your findings with the class.

