

English on the air II

إنجليزي عَ الهواء II

Comprehension

فهم

Today's Reading:

- **Nehemiah 2: 7-9: Then I said, “If it please the king, provide me with letters to the governors across the Euphrates that authorize my travel through to Judah; and also an order to Asaph, keeper of the king’s forest, to supply me with timber for the beams of The Temple fortress, the wall of the city, and the house where I’ll be living.” The generous hand of my God was with me in this and the king gave them to me. When I met the governors across The River (the Euphrates) I showed them the king’s letters. The king even sent along a cavalry escort.**

Vocabulary

مفردات ومعاني

Passport Control & Customs

فحص جواز السفر والجمارك

Passport Control:

- Could I see your passport, please?
- Where have you travelled from?
- What's the purpose of your visit?

I'm on holiday.

I'm on business.

I'm visiting relatives.

- How long will you be staying?
- Where will you be staying?
- You have to fill in this.. (landing card - immigration form...)
- Enjoy your stay!

Customs:

- Could you open your bag, please?
- Do you have anything (any goods) to declare?
- You have to pay duty on these items.

Signs you might see:

- Wait behind the yellow line.
- Please have your passport ready.
- Nothing to declare.

Goods to declare.

Grammar

القواعد

Pronouns

- A pronoun is a word that is used instead of a noun. *She like to play with them.*
- Types of Pronouns: personal pronouns, demonstrative pronouns, interrogative pronouns, possessive pronouns, relative pronouns, **reflexive pronouns, intensive pronouns**, reciprocal pronouns and indefinite pronouns.

Pronouns

- "**Reflexive**" means "going back to itself."
- Reflexive pronouns show that the action affects the person who performs the action. Reflexive pronouns end in "-self" (singular) or "-selves" (plural). The reflexive pronouns are: *myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, themselves*.
- *He cut himself while shaving.*
I sent myself to bed.
He could hurt himself!
We must help ourselves.
She trusts herself.

Pronouns

- "**Intensive**" means "giving force or emphasis."
- An intensive pronoun is a pronoun used for emphasis. In other words, Intensive pronouns emphasize the subject of the sentence. They are written exactly the same way as the reflexive nouns, but their function is different.
- *I myself baked the cake.*
The queen herself recommended this restaurant.
Have you yourself been there?
The project itself wasn't difficult.
We will do it ourselves.

Idioms:

Idiom	Meaning
Passport to something	Fig. something that allows something good to happen. <i>John's new girlfriend is his passport to happiness.</i> <i>Anne's new job is a passport to financial security.</i>
Tall order	“A tall order” means something very difficult (and maybe impossible) to do. <i>What? You want me to read 300 pages by Friday? That's a tall order!</i>
Leave someone holding the bag	Fig. to allow someone to take all the blame; to leave someone appearing to be guilty. <i>They all ran off and left me holding the bag.</i> <i>It wasn't even my fault. It was all the mayor's fault, but he wasn't left holding the bag.</i>

Idioms:

Idiom	Meaning
Tall tale	<p>A tall tale is a ridiculous story that isn't true.</p> <p><i>No, I don't really think that he caught an alligator while he was fishing. That's just one of his tall tales.</i></p>
Custom made	<p>“A custom made” outfit or dress is a piece of clothing that is made precisely for a person.</p> <p><i>I don't generally buy custom made clothing. I am a perfect size eight.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Could also be used for any other material: car, ring, guitar, etc.- The opposite of: off-the-shelf clothing.