

# The Airport VIP Lounge



Level:

Lower-Intermediate/ Advanced



Objectives:

the student will practice improvisational speaking



Timing

15-30 mins



Prep/

Materials:

role cards; situation cards (see more information on these below)

**Background:** Several people from different walks of life are waiting in the VIP lounge for a flight that has been delayed because of bad weather. Brainstorm with your student what kinds of people would use a VIP lounge at the airport.

**Exaggerate these roles, for example:**

- A rich business tycoon
- A famous movie star
- A popular sports player
- A prince or princess



Breakdown:

Note these ideas on the board (or a sheet of paper); then, together with the student, make role cards for the characters, giving them names, personality traits, income levels, etc.

Now brainstorm about things that can happen in an airport that we love to complain about. For example:

- Security check nightmares
- Lost luggage

- Unpleasant ticket agents
- Extra fees
- Flight horror stories

Note a dozen of these ideas on situation cards.

Give your student a role card and a situation card. Have them sit in the “lounge” where they first make small talk regarding the late flight. They then talk about a personal experience based upon the situation card.

After about two minutes, choose a role card and a situation card for yourself. Change the subject according to his situation card and ask the student to join this conversation with you.

If you run out of things to talk about, choose another role card and a situation card and continue your discussion.