

"GET BACK TO WHERE YOU ONCE BELONGED" (Travel Game)

Travel Around The World is a fun and very interactive communication game that allows students to test their general fluency as well as using target grammar and functional English.

Main Idea

Students are split into pairs/threes of Travelers and others are given the roles of Travel Agents. The Travel Agents can work separately or be put into teams under the name of their respective companies. The travelers must travel all the way around the world from Taipei to Taipei. They can go West or they can go East. The Travelers must find the fastest and/or cheapest way to complete their voyage. The Travel Agents must make as much money as possible.

Materials

- 1) It's good to give each traveler (or traveling pair/team) a route map. This can be obtained from the kit or from any atlas, dictionary, or almanac type book found in the library. You can also use a Giant Wall Map as a good reference point.
- 2) You will also need the fake money.
- 3) Ensure that you make enough travel tickets for each traveler/team.

Presentation

For lower levels, it might be good to give the classes some preview homework concerning travel vocab and place names. A lot of dialogues can be previewed as well; again depending upon the level.

- i.e. "Can you give me a discount?"
"Are you crazy/mad/nuts? That's too much/expensive!"
"Are there any flights to/from _____?"
"Are there any flights from _____ to _____?"
"What time does it leave/arrive in/from _____?"

I think you get the idea. Preview what you think is practical and beneficial to make the activity work.

Post up the different schedules and travel companies advertisings around the room(s) or hall.

There are three different flight schedules (A, B, C) Give out one of these to each travel agent or team of travel agents. If there are travel agent teams they **only** get a copy of one of the flight schedules. This way they have different flights to offer, making the game competitive. Also, give the travel agents lots of plane tickets, a fixed amount of money (change) and an advertising brochure. Explain to the travelers that they:

Sell tickets to travelers at a negotiable price.

Can't change the times/dates listed on the schedules.

Can't make a mistake writing out tickets.

CAN'T SPEAK their native language!

Travelers/traveler teams are given the route map and money. Tell the travelers to plan their route first by using the map and looking at the posted flight schedules. Explain to the travelers that they:

Must travel from Taipei to Taipei as quickly and cheaply as possible.

Tickets (travel time/dates) must connect. (This depends upon teacher/level)

Must look at all the shops to find the best prices (Bargaining).

CAN'T SPEAK their native language!

ANYBODY CAUGHT BY ANYBODY SPEAKING CHINESE CAN BE FINED AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE TEACHER!

Basically, after this , it's a race to see who can make it around the world first. Winners can be judged by speed and also by who traveled the cheapest. Travel Agents/teams are judged by how much money they make.

The teacher's job is to monitor to make sure everything goes as smoothly as possible and to make sure rules are enforced.

HAVE FUN!

SCHEDULE A

ORIGIN (FROM)	DESTINATION (TO)	DEPART DATE	DEPART TIME	ARRIVAL DATE	ARRIVAL TIME
TAIPEI	DENVER	1/1/95	19:00	1/1/95	09:00
TAIPEI	SAN FRAN.	1/1/95	0:200	1/1/95	14:00
TAIPEI	SAN FRAN.	1/1/95	18:00	1/1/95	06:30
TAIPEI	BOGOTA	1/1/95	20:10	1/1/95	11:05
DENVER.	CHICAGO	1/1/95	12:05	1/1/95	14:30
L.A.	MIAMI	1/1/95	15:30	2/1/95	00:25
L.A.	BOGOTA	1/1/95	11:10	2/1/95	01:30
L.A.	CHICAGO	1/1/95	15:30	1/1/95	19:30
NEW YORK	PARIS	2/1/95	04:00	2/1/95	12:10
ATHENS	RIYADH	2/1/95	09:00	2/1/95	12:00
MOSCOW	PEKING	2/1/95	23:05	3/1/95	07:50
MOSCOW	BOMBAY	2/1/95	22:15	3/1/95	04:10
MOSCOW	BANGKOK	3/1/95	01:00	3/1/95	11:00
BAGHDAD	PEKING	2/1/95	13:15	2/1/95	22:05
RIYADH	PEKING	2/1/95	15:15	2/1/95	23:25
LAGOS	RIYADH	2/1/95	02:20	2/1/95	09:30
LONDON	RIYADH	2/1/95	14:00	2/1/95	21:00
DACCA	BANGKOK	3/1/95	05:00	3/1/95	09:00
DACCA	BANGKOK	3/1/95	03:30	3/1/95	07:00
DACCA	TAIPEI	3/1/95	10:00	3/1/95	16:00
BOMBAY	BANGKOK	3/1/95	04:30	3/1/95	08:20
H.K.	TAIPEI	3/1/95	12:00	3/1/95	15:20
H.K.	TAIPEI	3/1/95	05:00	3/1/95	12:00

SCHEDULE B

ORIGIN (FROM)	DESTINATION (TO)	DEPART DATE	DEPART TIME	ARRIVAL DATE	ARRIVAL TIME
TAIPEI	CHICAGO	1/1/95	19:55	1/1/95	10:50
TAIPEI	L.A.	1/1/95	21:00	1/1/95	09:10
DENVER	FRANKFURT	1/1/95	11:33	2/1/95	08:30
MIAMI	PARIS	2/1/95	04:00	2/1/95	14:00
BOGOTA.	ATHENS	1/1/95	13:00	1/1/95	23:30
NEW YORK	LONDON	2/1/95	05:00	2/1/95	13:00
NEW YORK	ATHENS	1/1/95	17:30	2/1/95	03:45
NEW YORK	ROME	2/1/95	01:00	2/1/95	07:15
ATHENS	BAGHDAD	2/1/95	07:30	2/1/95	12:35
LAGOS	ATHENS	2/1/95	02:10	2/1/95	06:40
LAGOS	SINGAPORE	2/1/95	18:00	3/1/95	10:00
LONDON	DELHI	2/1/95	14:00	2/1/95	21:00
LONDON	SINGAPORE	2/1/95	14:10	3/1/95	04:10
RIYADH	SINGAPORE	2/1/95	14:00	2/1/95	22:10
RIYADH	DACCA	2/1/95	19:55	3/1/95	11:05
RIYADH	DACCA	2/1/95	17:50	2/1/95	23:00
BOMBAY	BANGKOK	3/1/95	08:00	3/1/95	12:00
BOMBAY	H.K.	3/1/95	07:30	3/1/95	13:30
BEIJING	TAIPEI	2/1/95	23:30	3/1/95	02:35
H.K.	TAIPEI	3/1/95	12:15	3/1/95	19:10

SCHEDULE C

ORIGIN (FROM)	DESTINATION (TO)	DEPART DATE	DEPART TIME	ARRIVAL DATE	ARRIVAL TIME
TAIPEI	L.A.	1/1/95	23:00	1/1/95	11:00
TAIPEI	L.A.	1/1/95	22:30	1/1/95	10:35
BOGOTA	LAGOS	1/1/95	11:30	2/1/95	01:30
DENVER	NEW YORK	1/1/95	09:30	1/1/95	13:25
CHICAGO.	NEW YORK	2/1/95	00:35	2/1/95	03:10
DENVER	LAGOS	1/1/95	17:20	2/1/95	01:00
SAN FRAN	CHICAGO	1/1/95	20:10	1/1/95	24:00
SAN FRAN	NEW YORK	1/1/95	19:30	2/1/95	00:30
SAN FRAN	MIAMI	1/1/95	20:00	2/1/95	13:35
NEW YORK	LONDON	2/1/95	05:45	2/1/95	13:30
PARIS	BOMBAY	2/1/95	23:25	3/1/95	06:40
PARIS	MOSCOW	2/1/95	15:00	2/1/95	22:00
ATHENS	BAGHDAD	2/1/95	01:10	2/1/95	05:00
RIYADH	BOMBAY	2/1/95	23:00	2/1/95	03:55
PEKING	TAIPEI	3/1/95	08:00	3/1/95	12:10
BANGKOK	TAIPEI	3/1/95	13:10	3/1/95	18:50
BANGKOK	TAIPEI	3/1/95	07:30	3/1/95	13:25
SINGAPORE	TAIPEI	2/1/95	23:00	3/1/95	05:15

These are company sheets for the students who are travel agents:

"SEAT OF
THE PANTS
AIR"

WE GET YOU
THERE!
BARELY!

"WINGDING
AIR"

GIVE US A RING!
WE'LL FLY YOUR
THING!

FLYING
CHICKEN
AIR!

YOUR EGGS ARE
SAFE IN OUR
BASKET!