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Unit 2: Speaking Skill — Airports and Air Travel in Tourism

💡 Speaking Tip

Before you start speaking, think about the main ideas you want to explain. Try to organise your ideas in a logical order and use examples whenever possible. Don't worry about using perfect English. The most important thing is to communicate your ideas clearly, confidently, and using appropriate aviation and tourism vocabulary.

📚 Useful Vocabulary

You may use some of the following words in your recording:

- **airport terminal**
- **landside**
- **airside**
- **full-service carrier**
- **low-cost carrier (LCC)**
- **passenger flow**
- **check-in counter**
- **baggage drop**
- **security checkpoint**
- **boarding gate**

- **air connectivity**
- **direct flight**
- **airline hub**
- **destination**
- **flight frequency**
- **layover / transit**
- **international passenger**
- **domestic flight**
- **tourism industry**
- **travel experience**

🗣️ **Useful Expressions**

- **The main role of an airport is...**
- **Landside operations refer to... while airside procedures include...**
- **One major difference between full-service and low-cost airlines is...**
- **Air connectivity is crucial for a tourist destination because...**
- **For example,...**
- **The security checkpoint is responsible for...**
- **Low-cost carriers allow tourists to...**
- **Airports and airlines work together to...**
- **In my opinion, the most critical stage of the passenger journey is...**
- **I think it is important for tourism professionals to understand airport management because...**
- **I learned that...**

Check-list Self-Assessment Checklist

After recording your audio, listen to it again and answer these questions:

- ☐ **Did I answer all five questions?**
- ☐ **Did I speak for 2–3 minutes?**
- ☐ **Did I use some of the aviation and tourism vocabulary from this unit?**
- ☐ **Did I explain the importance of airports and air travel for the tourism industry?**
- ☐ **Did I speak clearly and at a natural pace?**
- ☐ **Did I use complete sentences?**

⭐ Optional Challenge

Choose one specific stage of the airport journey (e.g., *Check-in & Baggage Drop*, *Security Control*, or *Boarding*) or one type of airline model (e.g., *Low-Cost Carriers*). Speak for one additional minute explaining:

- **what it is;**
- **what key procedures or services are involved;**
- **how it impacts the overall tourist experience;**
- **how it connects with another area of airport/tourism operations;**
- **why it is important for tourism professionals to understand it.**