



Preparing for a trip on an airplane.



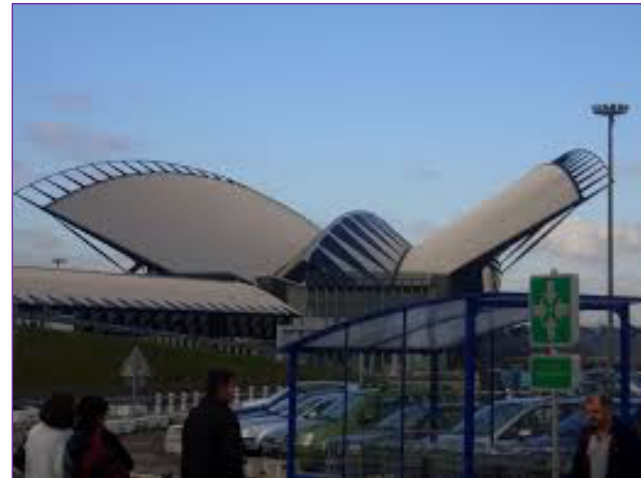
We are going to drive our car to the airport



We are going to leave our car in a safe parking lot.



We are going to take a shuttle bus to the airplane.



Airports are cool.



We might have to wait in lines.



We will give these nice people our luggage to put on the plane.



This is how our luggage gets on the plane.



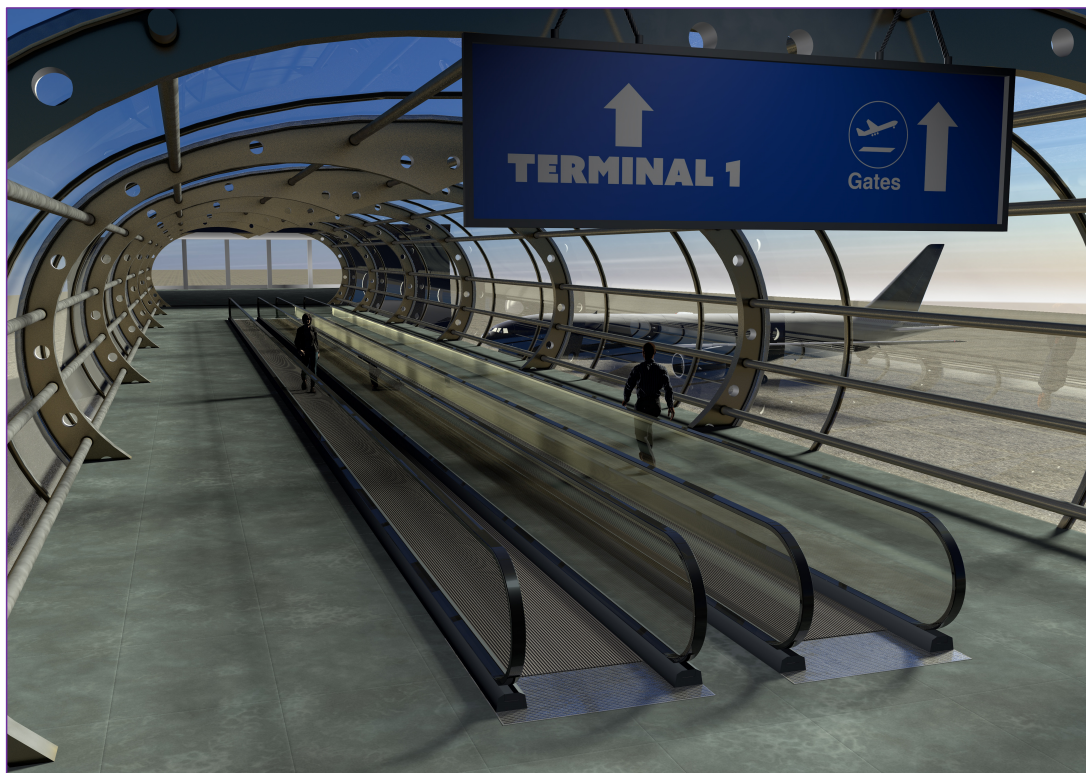
We are going to meet TSA Agents.



The TSA Agent will scan our luggage.



We are going to walk through these scanners.



We will walk to the gate on moving walkways, but we don't have to use them.



Airports have escalators too, but we can use the stairs or an elevator too.



We might have to take a train to get to the airplane.



We will have to sit and wait for our plane.



Our airplane seats will look like these.



We are going to put our carry on luggage in these overhead bins.



Pilots like these will get us there safely.



Taking off is fun.



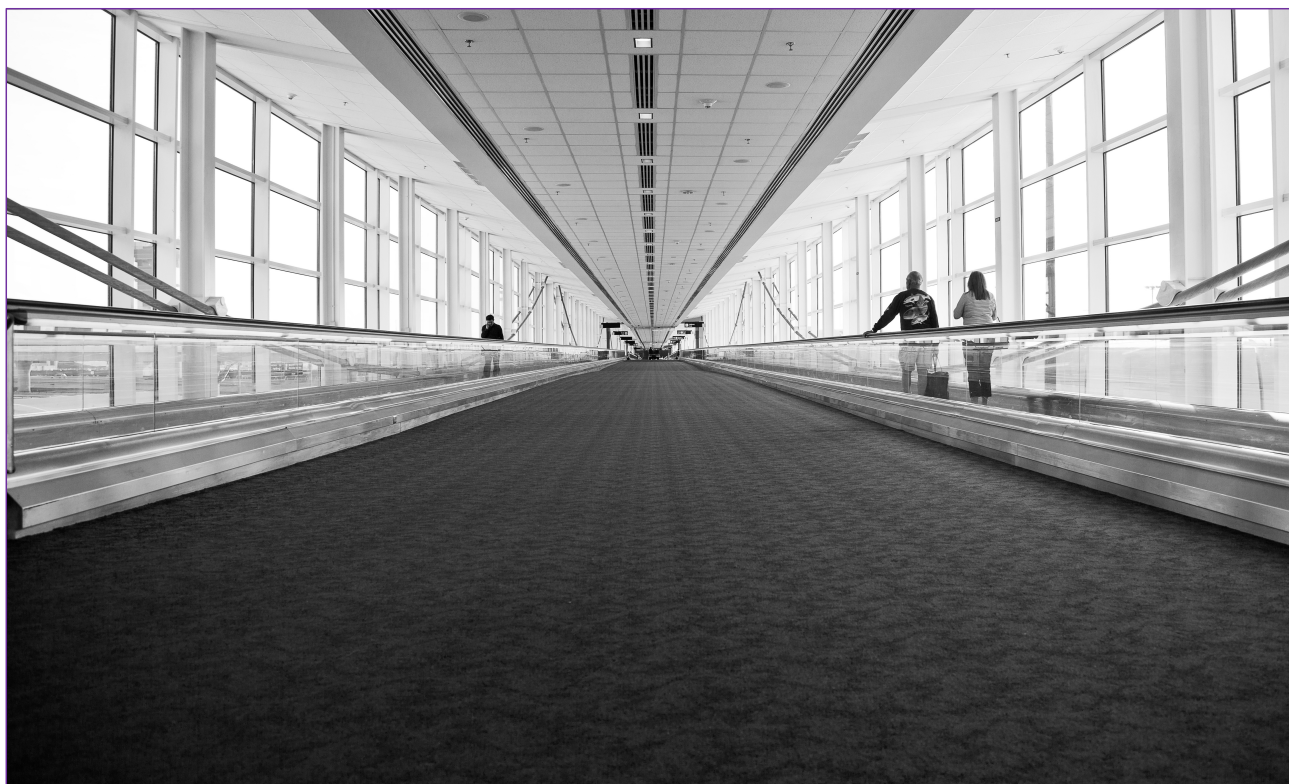
We will fly in the clouds.



There are small bathrooms on the plane with a toilet and a sink.



We are going to land safely.



We are going to walk to get our luggage.



We might need to take a train to get to our luggage.



We will pick up our luggage on a carousel.



We are going to take a shuttle bus to get a rental car.



We are going to rent a car for our vacation.

15 tips to prepare your autistic child for an airplane trip.

1. Start preparing your child early, days or weeks before, with this picture story.
2. Pack everything he or she uses at home to occupy their time
 - iPad, favorite stuffed animal, coloring books, etc.
 - You can't bring everything, so prepare them for that.
3. Bring snacks
 - Remember that you need to purchase liquids after security.
4. Bring noise cancelling headphones.
5. Print tickets at home to avoid lines.
6. Get to the airport early.
 - Keep your stress level down.
7. Tell a TSA agent about your situation. They may help you get through more quickly and smoothly.
8. Get to the gate early.
9. Tell the ticket agent your situation.
10. Board with pre-boarding.
11. Tell the flight attendants on the plane about your situation so that they can help.
12. Have everything you need to keep your child calm close by.
13. Have your child sit in the window seat or in the middle seat between two family members.
14. Bring chewing gum to help with ear pressure.
15. Talk to your child during take off and landing to help them prepare for the sensation..

