

Hello hello hello, here's Teacher Gui with our podcast Learning English Matters, the podcast that is designed to help you with your English skills, learn new vocabulary, see nice expressions, learn new slang, and of course talk about great things which is the most important part. So, if you don't know me, c'mon, it's about time, isn't it? Anyway, if it's your first time here, nice to meet you, my name is Gui and again, I'm very happy you're here to listen to this recording. Now, do you plan to go abroad? Hmm, so you have to prepare yourself. Today, I'll show you 7 very common questions immigration officers ask at the airport and how to answer them confidently. Here we go, the first thing you need to know about these questions is that you can use them wherever you go, ok every airport you go around the world, these questions are very common, so you probably will need them everywhere you go, ok. The nicest thing about this podcast is, this podcast doesn't only prepare you to go through immigration in The United States, but in England, in Canada, in Australia, so any airport you go, you can use these questions and these answers, all right? Now, the second thing you need to know is short answers, you don't need to talk about all your dreams and plans and how excited you are and how happy you are. No! Give short answers, guys! Answer the question correctly and quickly, ok. And third keep calm! If you get too tense, the immigration officer can get a little suspicious ok, if you get too nervous, too tense they can ask you more questions not the other way around, alright? Nice! Now let's get down to business. So here we go, question **number 1: May I see your passport?** This is pretty obvious, they wanna see your document, your passport. You can just give the passport to the immigration officer or you can say "here it is" or "here you are" these are the most common ways to answer this question. **Number 2: How long do you intend to stay?** There may be some different ways to ask this question, but the idea is the same "how long will you be staying in the United States?" or how long will you be staying here? Ok, how long do you intend to stay? Remember, short answers. For a week, for a month, for two weeks, a week, a month, as long as you give the information they are asking, you don't need to give long answers about that. Like, "I'm going to stay here for 2 weeks because on the first day I'm going to the Fifth Avenue to go shopping, and then..." there's no need to do that, trust me! **Number 3: What's the purpose of your visit?** Hmm, another very common question. In this question, they want to know why you are traveling. There are 2 main reasons why people travel, well, actually 3 - tourism, business, study, ok? So, you have to say what you're doing in the United States or in Canada or Australia, you have to explain what you're doing there, all right? So, I'm here for a business conference, that's something you can say. I'm here on a business trip. I'm here to go to an Exchange school or I'm here to study English for a month or I'm here on vacation, I'm going to Disney or I'm here to buy Teacher Gui lots of gifts and souvenirs 'cause he's the greatest! I like the last one. Ok, so these are some possible ways to answer this question. And remember, you don't need to give a long explanation, ok? Just say the main reason why you're staying in that country, and that's all. Nice! So far 3 questions, now, question **number 4: What do you do? Or What is your occupation?** Basically here, they want to know about your job so all you can say is "I'm a..." and the occupation. I'm a teacher, I am a doctor, I'm an engineer, I'm a student, I am, I don't know, I'm a tomb raider, if you say you are not working they will probably ask you more questions ok, so just try to say what you do and if they ask you where you work, you will have to say, where you work, you know? Carrying on, **number 5: Are you traveling alone?** if the answer is yes, awesome! so you say "yes, I'm alone" if the answer is no, all you have to say is who you are traveling with so then you say "no, I'm

not. I'm traveling with my brother, I'm traveling with my parents, I'm traveling with my boyfriend, with my girlfriend, with my husband, with my wife," you need to say who you're traveling with, but not the name, I'm traveling with Jack. Who is Jack? Ok, say the connection, the relationship you have with the person, I'm traveling with my sister not with "Patricia". I'm traveling with my husband, I'm traveling with my boyfriend, ok? No names! So, **number 6: Do you have any family here?** No mystery here fellas, they basically wanna know if you have a family member living in the United States or in England or wherever you're going. This is a tricky question, if the answer is no, awesome! So, no, I don't! if the answer is yes, you will say Yes, I do. But you'll probably have to say who lives in that country. Yes, I do, I have a cousin who lives here, yes, I do. I have a sister who lives here or I have an uncle who lives here. Be prepared to answer more questions about this family member. They will probably ask about their name, their phone number, their email, their address, their occupation, what they are doing in America or in whatever country they are, so if the answer is yes, be prepared to answer more questions about this family member. **Number 7: Have you ever been here before?** Basically, they want to know if it is your first time in the USA or in another country or if you have been to that place before. So, if the answer is no, no, it is my first time here! If the answer is yes, then you can say when more less when you've been to the country, such as yes, in 2010 or yes, about two weeks ago or yes, last year so say more less when you went to that place. ok? They can ask you what you were doing and you can say well, I was on vacation, for example I was here in 2010 and I was on vacation, I was here on business, or I was studying English so these are some possibilities to explain the purpose of your previous visit if they ask you, right? So, if you visited the country to do illegal things, I recommend you, don't say it! Remember, you don't need to say this, long answers, there's no need for that. And guys, there's a bonus question here! **Where will you be staying?** Ok, this is a common question too, where will you be staying? So, it is interesting to say where you're staying, if for example you're staying at a hotel, you can say the name of the hotel you're staying, no big deal, I'm staying at the Pacific Hotel on Times Square or I'm staying at the Pacific Hotel in Manhattan. Sometimes, they can sometimes ask you for the address, but it is not always the case, ok? Nice, there you go, now you are ready to go through immigration anywhere around the world because with English you can talk to anyone anywhere anytime. Now, I'd like you to tell me if you have ever experienced something like it, you know, been through the immigration and if you haven't, tell me how you imagine you'd feel, cool? I'm looking forward to seeing your answer, thank you so much friends and I'll see you next time, Learning English Matters says bye!