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Visual Guide: On Board

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Preparing to Board

- When it is time to get on the plane, I will hear an announcement over the loudspeaker. There are many announcements at the airport, so I can listen for the one about my flight.



When Do I Board?

- I can look at my boarding pass to see my seat number. When the agent calls my row, it is time to get on the plane!



Going Through the Gate

- Before getting on the airplane, I hand the gate agent my boarding pass and passport.



Walking Down the Jetway

- Next, I walk down the long hallway that connects the airport to the airplane. This is called the jetway. Sometimes there is a long line on the jetway because everyone is trying to find their seats.



Finding My Seat

- When I find my seat, now is the time to get ready for departure. First, I can take out my favourite toy. Then I need to make sure all of my electronics are put away. Finally, I can put my bag in the overhead locker or underneath the seat in front of me.



Electronics on the Airplane

- I have to remember that I cannot use my electronics during take-off, but I can play with a small toy or watch a video on the screen in front of me. Electronics need to be set to "Airplane Mode". Once the plane is in the air, I can use my electronics.



Getting Settled on the Airplane

- Once my bag is away, I sit in my seat and wait for take-off. I fasten my seatbelt. It is important to keep my seatbelt on during the whole flight because it keeps me safe.



Airplane Announcements

- Before the airplane starts flying, a voice will talk to me over the loudspeaker. This is the pilot who flies the airplane.



The Safety Video

- Next, a video will play on the screen in front of me about how to stay safe on the plane. While I watch, I can read along with the safety card in the seat pocket in front of me. When the safety video is finished, I can go back to watching my TV show or movie.



Preparing for Departure

- After the safety video, it is time for departure. I will make sure my seat is straight up, my tray table is away and my electronics are away in my bag. The Cabin Crew will do a quick walk through the airplane to make sure everyone is listening and following directions.



Last Minute Safety Checks

- If my seat is not straight up or my tray table is not away, the Cabin Crew may remind me to follow the directions or do it for me.



Push Back

- Now I am ready for the airplane to depart. I will wait quietly for the airplane to be pushed back from the airport building and then for the engines to turn on.



Airplane Engines

- When the engines turn on, they will make a loud noise. The loud noise is normal when switching on the engines. I will stay calm because I know the airplane is working safely.



The Runway

- The airplane will slowly start moving and the pilot will make sure the airplane is in the right spot to take off. Sometimes, there are a lot of other airplanes in line to take off, so I might have to wait.



Time for Take Off

- During take off, the airplane will go very fast. It will be very loud and start to shake. Then the airplane will lift off the ground. I might feel nervous, but I know to stay calm.



During Take Off

- During take off my ears may pop and hurt. I may feel scared, but I will remember that this is normal and it will go away soon. It might help if I yawn to stop the pain.



After Take Off

- Once the airplane is in the air, the Cabin Crew will come down the aisle with meals, snacks and drinks. It is now safe to use my electronics on airplane mode.



Bathroom On Board

- There is a bathroom on the airplane if I need to use it. I must lock the door latch when I go in. I will remember that it is different than my bathroom at home. It is small and the toilet makes a loud flush.



Enjoying My Flight

- While I am on the airplane in the air, I can do so many fun things while I have my seatbelt on. I can use my electronics, play with toys, take a nap or eat food.



Have a great flight!

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