Checking in at the airport
When we arrive at the airport we need to ‘check in’.

‘Checking in’ lets the airport staff know that we are here for the flight.

We can ‘check in’ in the departure hall.

First, we might need to look at our ticket to see which airline we are flying with and the flight number.
Then we might need to look at the flight information board to see which is the check-in desk.

People ‘check in’ in two ways:

Some people use a self-check in machine. The self-check has a touch screen computer.

We need to type our name, choose our flight, get our boarding pass and luggage tags. The boarding pass gives us information for what seat we will sit on in the plane and what gate we need to wait at for the plane.
We might need to put our luggage tags on our own bags, then take our luggage to the conveyer belt.

There are people who work for the airline that can help us to use the self-check in machine. They normally wear a uniform from the airline and might be called ‘staff’

Some people check in at the desk. Staff who works for the airline usually sit behind the desk and will try to help us to check in. They will ask for our name and flight number. They might want to see our passports or identification.
We will need to give out bags to the airline staff at check in. They will put the tag on the bag and put it on the conveyer belt.

The conveyer belt takes our bags to the plane for us.

After we check-in we are ready through the security check. The security check helps to make sure we are all safe before we can get on the plane.
We might need to look for the ‘departure’ signs so we know which way to walk.