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UNIT 1

ARRIVING IN NEW YORK

Unit objectives

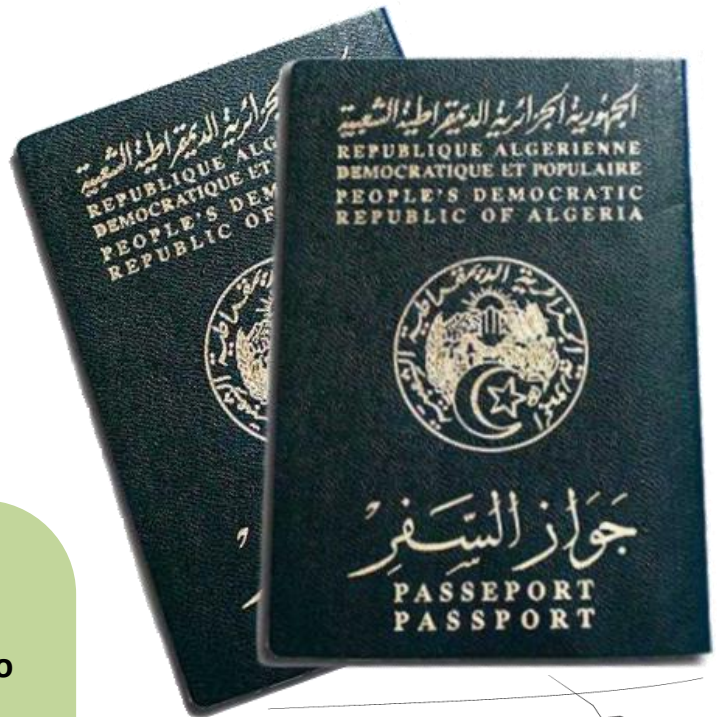
By the end of this unit, you will be able to

- 1-Apply for a visa
- 2-Ask for information about means of transportation and compare them
- 3-Ask for and give directions
- 4-Book a hotel room

You will also practice the use of:

- 1-The present perfect
- 2-Comparatives and superlatives
- 3-"May" for politely asking for permission
- 4-Adjectives to describe means of transportation
- 5-Demonstratives (singular and plural)
- 6-Verbs and prepositions of place for giving directions
- 7-"Would like" for polite requests

LEVEL : A2.1





2-Read the dialog silently and complete the sentence on the picture:

Interviewer: Welcome. Can I have your documents?

Youcef: Here you are, ma'am!

Interviewer: Thank you. Can you introduce yourself, please?

Youcef: Sure, I'm Youcef Mahdaoui. I'm 29 years old.

I live in Algiers, exactly in Bab el Oued. I'm an engineer at a public company. I have a master's degree in civil engineering. I'm single and I live with my parents and 3 siblings. That's all.

Interviewer: Thank you. Have you been to the U.S. before?

Youcef: No, I haven't. This will be my first visit.

Interviewer: Have you ever been abroad?

Youcef: Yes, I have been to Tunisia, France and Turkey.

Interviewer: What's the purpose of your visit to the U.S.?

Youcef: It's tourism. I have watched a lot of videos and read many articles about this amazing country. I really want to discover it more and visit different states.

Interviewer: Have you reserved a flight ticket?

Youcef: Yes, I have.

Interviewer: Do you have any relatives in the U.S.?

Youcef: No, I don't.

Interviewer: Where will you stay in the U.S.?

Youcef: I have made a reservation at a hotel in New York.

Interviewer: When will you travel to the U.S.?

Youcef: On the 4th of November.

Interviewer: How long will you stay there?

Youcef: For a month.

Interviewer: Is your income enough to cover the expenses?

Youcef: Yes, my salary is very good. I have saved enough money to cover all the expenses.

Interviewer: How do you prove to me that you will return to your home country?

Youcef: I have a good job and a high salary here in my country. I'm also the eldest among my siblings. So, I must come back to take care of my parents.

Interviewer: Thank you for your application. We will let you know about our decision as soon as possible.

1-Match the following words to their synonyms or definitions:

- | | |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1-Siblings | A- Reason |
| 2-Abroad | B- Salary or profits |
| 3-Purpose | C- Brothers and sisters |
| 4-Income | D-Family members |
| 5-Relatives | E- In another country |

eldest

=

oldest

University Degrees

Bachelor's Degree

Master's Degree

Doctorate Degree

3-Read the dialog again silently and answer the following questions:

A-Has Youcef visited The U.S. before?

.....

B-Which countries has Youcef visited?

.....

C-Does Youcef have enough money for the trip?

.....

D- When will Youcef know the decision about his visa application?

.....

To be

Past simple

was / were

Past participle

been

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4-Grammar: Turn the following sentences from the simple past into the present perfect

- a-I **was** in England last summer
-I **have been** to England.
- b- I **reserved** a flight ticket yesterday
-.....a flight ticket.
- c-He **did** his homework last weekend
-.....
- d-Linda **made** a birthday cake this morning
-.....

5-Answer the following questions:

- A-Have you ever been abroad?
.....
- B-Which countries have you visited?
.....
- C- Have you applied for a visa before?
.....
- D-Has your application been accepted or rejected?
.....
- E-Has your sister ever played football?
.....
- F-Have you graduated from university?
.....
- G-Have you understood this lesson?
.....

6- Prepare to speak: You work at the Algerian consulate in the U.S. Prepare 10 questions to ask to Americans who wish to apply for a visa to enter Algeria.

- 1-..... 2-.....
- 3-..... 4-.....
- 5-..... 6-.....
- 7-..... 8-.....
- 9-..... 10-.....

7-Speaking (role-play):

Student A: You are an American and you would like to apply for a visa to enter Algeria. Answer student B's questions and try to convince him to accept your application.
Student B: You work at the Algerian consulate in the U.S. Ask student A questions about his application, then give him a decision (accepted or rejected).

The present perfect

Subjet + have / has + past participle

Regular verbs example:

I **have visited** Istanbul
She **has visited** Istanbul

Irregular verbs example:

They **have been** to Canada
She **has been** to Canada

Negative form

I **have not visited** Istanbul (**Haven't**)
He **has not been** to Canada (**Hasn't**)

Interrogative form

Have you visited Istanbul?
Has she been to Canada?

Short answers

Yes, I **have** / No, I **have not** (**haven't**)
Yes, **he has** / No, **he has not** (**hasn't**)

To be more specific, you can add:

Have you ever visited Istanbul?
Have you visited Istanbul **before**?
I **have recently** **visited** Istanbul
I **have never** **visited** Istanbul



Youcef: Excuse me, sir, may I ask you a question?

Airport information assistant: Sure, go ahead.

Youcef: Thanks. Well, I have just arrived here, and I would like to go to the city center. How can I get there?

Airport information assistant: You can take a taxi; it's the fastest and most comfortable option. However, it's the most expensive one.

Youcef: Is there a subway service to Times Square?

Airport information assistant: Yes, there is, but, it's not direct. First, you will need to take the air train to Jamaica station, then transfer to the city center's subway.

Youcef: What's the name of the nearest station to Times Square?

Airport information assistant: There is a station there. It's called Times Square station.

Youcef: What about the bus?

Airport information assistant: There is a direct bus to the city center; it's the cheapest option. But, it's the slowest one because of traffic jam.

Youcef: Thank you so much for your help, sir.

Airport information assistant: My pleasure.

Enjoy your stay in the United States.

May I ask you a question?

(We use **may** to be polite when asking for permission)

3-Read the dialog and circle the correct answer:

- A-The taxi is the slowest way to get to the city center. **True / False / Not mentioned**
- B- The bus is faster than the subway. **T / F / NM**
- C- Youcef has taken the subway. **T / F / NM**

1-Look at the picture and discuss:

- Where can we find this desk?
- How do we call it?
- Why do people go to this desk?

2-Means of transportation

Match the words to the pictures:

subway – car - train - air train - bus - taxi - coach - tram - ship - ferry boat - cable car - airplane



1-..... 2-.....



3-..... 4-.....



5-..... 6-.....



7-..... 8-.....



9-..... 10-.....



11-..... 12-.....

American English	British English
Center	Centre
Subway	Underground
Taxi / cab	Taxi

Adjectives to describe means of transportation

cheap – expensive – comfortable – fast – clean – safe – affordable – reliable – crowded – spacious – slow – noisy

4-Write sentences using some of the adjectives above to compare different means of transportation:

A-Comparatives: example:

-Trains are **safer than** airplanes.

.....

B-Superlatives:

.....

6-Listening: Listen to different people talking about how they commute to work / school and fill in the table.

Person	Occupation	Means of transport	Adjective(s) to describe it
1			Reliable
2			
3			
4	Unemployed		

7- Prepare to speak: You arrive at an airport in a foreign country and you would like to ask the airport information assistant about the available means of transportation. Prepare 8 questions (Pair / group work)

1-..... 2.....
 3-..... 4.....
 5-..... 6.....
 7-..... 8.....

8-Speaking (role-play):

Student A: You have just arrived at the airport in the U.S. Go to the information desk and ask them questions about the available means of transportation to get to the city center. Feel free to ask any other questions.

Student B: You are the airport information assistant; answer student A's questions and give him / her some pieces of advice on the best ways to get to the city center.



Irregular plural

Singular : Means of transportation
Plural : Means of transportation

Comparatives (review)

Short adjectives **Long adjectives**

Faster **than** More comfortable **than**

Examples:

Taxis are faster **than** buses.
 The car is **more** comfortable **than** the bus.

Superlatives (review)

Short adjectives **Long adjectives**

The fastest **The most** comfortable

Examples:

The taxi is **the** fastest option.
 The car is **the most** comfortable option.

5-Discussion (Speaking)

- A-Which means of transportation do you usually use in your city / country? Why?
- B- In your opinion, which means of transportation has Youcef taken to the city center? Why?
- C-Would you travel abroad by ship or by plane? Why?
- D- Do you prefer riding a bicycle or walking?



Youcef: Excuse me, officer, may I ask you something?

Police officer: Of course, go ahead.

Youcef: How can I get to this hotel?

Police officer: Let me see the address... hmm...well, It's not too far from here. You can go there on foot, by bus, or by taxi.

Youcef: How can I go there on foot?

Police officer: Do you see that grey building?

Youcef: Yes, I see it.

Police officer: Go straight ahead until you reach the end of the building. Then, turn right. Keep going until you see the traffic lights. After that, take the second left and keep walking until you reach the bank. The hotel is opposite the bank. Cross the street and you will find the hotel between the museum and the furniture shop.

Youcef: How long will it take me to reach the bank if I go on foot?

Police officer: Around 15 minutes.

Youcef: Thanks a lot for your help, officer.

1-Look at the picture and discuss:

- Do you know the name of this square?
- Why is it so crowded?
- Is it easy to find an address in a big city?

2-Match the words to the pictures:

traffic lights – museum – on foot –
cross the street – building – grey



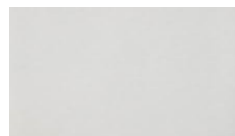
1-.....

2-.....



3-.....

4-.....



5-.....

6-.....

Demonstratives (Singular)

This Building

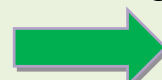


That Building



Demonstratives (Plural)

These Buildings



Those Buildings



3-Read the dialog silently and answer the questions:

- A- What is Youcef looking for?
.....
- B- Is the hotel close to Times Square?
.....
- C- Where is the hotel exactly located?
.....

You can go there **by** car/ **by** bus / **on** foot



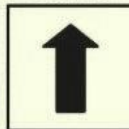
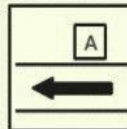

4-Memory game: Without looking at the dialog above, try to fill in the blanks with the missing words:

1-Do you see
grey building? Go
until you reach the of the
building. Then

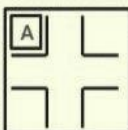
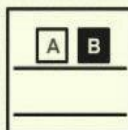
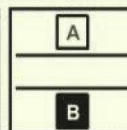
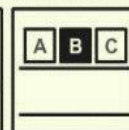
2-keep walking until you
the bank. The hotel is
the bank.the street and you
will find the hotel the
museum and the furniture shop.

Giving Directions

VERBS

				
turn left	turn right	go straight ahead	go past ...	cross

PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE

			
at the corner of ...	next to	opposite	between

5-Listening: Listen to a phone conversation between a tourist and a hotel receptionist and fill in the blanks:

1- **Hotel receptionist:** Sure, where are you now, ma'am?

Tourist: I'm the national bank.

2- **Tourist:** Do you mean those 2 large buildings..... the bank?

Hotel receptionist: Exactly.

3- **Hotel receptionist:** The hotel is the towers. So, go the towers, then The hotel is the post office.

Tourist: Thank you so much for your assistance.



6-Speaking: Your American friend has come to visit you. He / She is at the bus / train station of your city. He calls you for directions to your house or where you are now.

Student A: You are the American friend, call your friend and ask him / her for directions to his / her house or where he / she is now.

Student B: You are the host. Answer your friend's call and give him / her directions.



7-Writing: You are a receptionist at a hotel in your city. A tourist sends you this message on the hotel's Facebook page:

Hello hotel team,

I am on my way to your hotel, and I need directions. I'm in front of..... (**A famous area in your city**). Can you send me the directions please? Thank you in advance.

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-Help the tourist to find the hotel.



Receptionist: Welcome, sir. How can I help you?

Youcef: I have a reservation under the name of Youcef Mahdaoui.

Receptionist: May I have your passport, please?

Youcef: Sure, here you are.

Receptionist: Thank you. Just a second please ... I'm Sorry, sir, but I couldn't find a reservation under this name. Are you sure that you have booked a room at this hotel?

Youcef: Actually, I have made a reservation, but I haven't paid for it yet.

Receptionist: Oh...that's the reason then. All reservations need to be confirmed 48 hours before the arrival date.

Youcef: Oh really?! I'm sorry, I didn't know about that. Do you have any available rooms?

Receptionist: Let me check ... Yes, we do, sir.

Youcef: Great, I would like a room for 5 nights, please.

Receptionist: A single room or a double room?

Youcef: It's just for me, so a single room, please.

Receptionist: We have a single room on the 2nd floor with a minibar, a TV, WiFi, and AC. It also has a small balcony with a nice view of the city.

Youcef: How much does it cost?

Receptionist: It costs 86 dollars per night including tax.

Youcef: Is breakfast included?

Receptionist: Yes, it is. However, lunch and dinner aren't included in the price.

Youcef: All right. I will take the room.

Booking and reservation are synonyms. However, in some contexts, booking means a confirmed reservation (a paid reservation)

I would like = I want

I would like is more polite than **I want**

1-Look at the picture and discuss:

- Where is Youcef?
- Have you ever stayed at a hotel?
- How was the experience?

2-Match the following words to their synonyms or definitions:

1-Booking (n)	A- Air Conditioning
2- Check (v)	B- Verify
3-Minibar (n)	C- Covered
4-AC (Abr)	D- Reservation
5-Included (adj)	E- A small fridge

3-Read the dialog silently and answer the following questions:

1-Why couldn't the receptionist find Youcef's reservation?

.....

2-How long has Youcef decided to stay at this hotel?

.....

3-Are breakfast, lunch, and dinner included in the price?

.....

.....

4- Discuss (speaking) :

- Do you think that this hotel is cheap or expensive? Why?
- Can you afford staying at this kind of hotels? Why / Why not?

6- Put the following sentences in the correct order:

A-room/for/like/would/adults/I/a/please/two/double
.....

B-stay/to/nights/city/three/the/going/am/in/I/for
.....

C-never/before/have/I/expensive/stayed/hotel/an/at
.....

7-Listening: Listen to a phone conversation between a hotel receptionist and Mark.

a-Circle the correct answer (or answers):

1-Mark has called the hotel to

a-ask for directions b-make a reservation c- cancel a reservation

2-How many people will come with Mark? **a-2 b-3 c-4**

3-Mark would like a.. **a- double room b- a suite c- a family room**

4-Mark's booking includes.... **a- breakfast b-lunch c-dinner**

5-Mark's room is equipped with **a-minibar b-TV c-AC**

6-Mark's room has a/an **a-city view b-river view c-ocean view**

b-Listen again and write mark's email address:

Mark: My email address is: mark.....

8-Prepare to speak (Pair/Group): Write 10 questions that tourists usually ask to hotel receptionists when they want to book a room.

9-Speaking (Role-play): You are in a foreign country and you would like to book a room.

Student A: You are the tourist. Ask the hotel receptionist for Information. (Example: the available options and the price).

Student B: You are the receptionist. Answer student A's questions and help him to find a suitable room.

Welcome to Grand Legend Hotel ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

First name: **Surname:**

Gender: **Phone number:**

Street address:

City/State:**Country:**

Arrival date: **Time:**

Departure date:**Time:**

Type of room: **Number of guests:**

Payment method: Cash Credit card Cheque

Special requests and preferences:

.....
.....
.....

5-Types of rooms

twin – double – suite – single - triple - family



1-.....



2-.....



3-.....



4-.....



5-.....



6-.....

10-Writing: the receptionist has given you this reservation form. Fill it out and give it back to him (her).

Unit 1 Review

1-Grammar: Turn the following sentences from the simple past into the present perfect:

a-Kamel was in Germany last summer.

-.....

b- We booked a hotel room yesterday.

-.....

c-He went to his parents' house last weekend.

-.....

d-My kids slept at 7 pm.

-.....

3-Ask the questions:

A-.....?

-No, I have never been abroad.

B-.....?

-I have visited Morocco, Russia, and China.

C-.....?

-I have stayed in China for 6 days.

D-.....?

-No, my wife has never traveled with me.

E-.....?

-Yes, I have stayed at an expensive hotel before.

E-.....?

-Yes, I would like a single room please.

2-Answer the following questions:

1-How do you usually commute to work / school?

.....

2-Is public transportation cheap or expensive in your city?

.....

3-What are the available means of transportation in the capital city of your country?

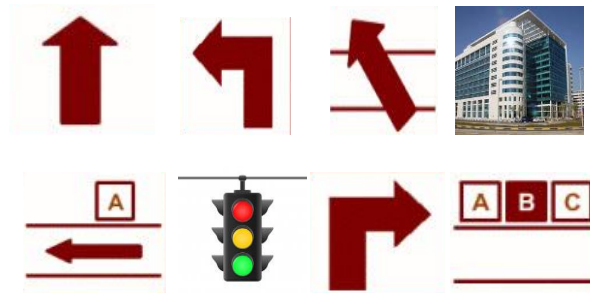
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4-Speaking: Help a tourist find the hotel "place B" by giving him directions (from left to right)



5-Class task (Speaking role-play)

One of the students is traveling to the U.S. So, he (she) will do all that Youcef has done. The rest of the class will take the roles of the people that Youcef has met and spoken to so far. Then, students can exchange roles and act out the situations again.

Reminder of the situations (Some additional level-appropriate situations can be added in between).

1-Applying for a visa.

2-Asking for information about transportation at the airport.

3-Asking for directions to the hotel.

4-Booking a hotel room.