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**Level 2** – 24th October 2024

## New Zealand airport bans three-minute hugs

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

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Hugging at Dunedin International Airport in New Zealand could get you in trouble. The airport has set a three-minute limit on the time people can spend hugging at the drop-off zone. This is to keep traffic flowing. There has recently been a problem of traffic jams near the departures building. Too many people are taking too long to say goodbye. The airport now has signs that say: "Max hug time 3 minutes. For fonder farewells, please use the car park." People who spend longer than three minutes saying their goodbyes could get a fine or get their car wheels clamped.

The airport's hugging policy is not popular with everybody. The airport CEO told reporters that he got many complaints. He said: "We were accused of breaching basic human rights." One unhappy person said the airport could not limit how long someone can have a hug. Someone on Facebook called the policy "inhumane". The CEO said: "Three minutes is plenty of time to pull up, say farewell to your loved ones and move on." He added that airports were "hotbeds of emotion". He said a hug that was longer than 20 seconds was "really awkward".

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The airport has set        | a. jams                 |
| 2. hugging at the drop-       | b. flowing              |
| 3. This is to keep traffic    | c. time 3 minutes       |
| 4. There has recently been a  | d. to say goodbye       |
| 5. traffic                    | e. off zone             |
| 6. people are taking too long | f. problem              |
| 7. Max hug                    | g. the car park         |
| 8. please use                 | h. a three-minute limit |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The airport's hugging policy | a. basic human rights  |
| 2. he got many                  | b. plenty of time      |
| 3. We were accused of breaching | c. complaints          |
| 4. limit how long someone       | d. the policy inhumane |
| 5. Someone on Facebook called   | e. to your loved ones  |
| 6. Three minutes is             | f. is not popular      |
| 7. say farewell                 | g. of emotion          |
| 8. airports were hotbeds        | h. can have a hug      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241024-hugs-at-airports-2.html>

Hugging at Dunedin International Airport in New Zealand could get (1) \_\_\_\_\_. The airport has set a three-minute limit on the time people can spend hugging at the (2) \_\_\_\_\_. This is to keep traffic flowing. There has recently been (3) \_\_\_\_\_ traffic jams near the departures building. Too many people are taking (4) \_\_\_\_\_ say goodbye. The airport now has signs that say: "Max hug time 3 minutes. (5) \_\_\_\_\_, please use the car park." People who spend longer than three minutes saying their goodbyes could get a fine or get their (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The airport's hugging policy (7) \_\_\_\_\_ with everybody. The airport CEO told reporters that he (8) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "We were accused of breaching basic human rights." One unhappy person said the airport could not (9) \_\_\_\_\_ someone can have a hug. Someone on Facebook called the policy "inhumane". The CEO said: "Three minutes is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to pull up, say farewell to your loved ones and move on." He added that airports were "(11) \_\_\_\_\_". He said a hug that was longer than 20 seconds (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HUGGING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241024-hugs-at-airports-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about hugging in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

