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Level 0 – 24th July 2025

Airline pays staff bonus for spotting oversized bags

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250724-oversized-luggage-0.html>

The budget airline Ryanair will pay staff more to spot bags that are too big. This is a "gate bag bonus". The company thinks a bigger bonus could lead to fewer large bags on its planes. Ryanair wants to lower the number of passengers with oversized baggage. Passengers must pay for oversized bags. The fee is \$90.

Ryanair said strict rules were necessary. Most people follow the rules. Over 99.9 per cent of luggage is the correct size. Ryanair said it reminds customers about baggage size when they book an air ticket. The company hopes the problem of oversized luggage will disappear. This may happen after a few years.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/jul/21/ryanair-weighs-up-higher-bonus-paid-to-staff-intercepting-oversized-luggage>
<https://www.foxbusiness.com/lifestyle/airline-considering-bigger-bonuses-staff-who-spot-oversized-bags>
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/travel/35946197/ryanair-staff-bonus-oversized-bags/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The budget | a. lower the number |
| 2. increase the bonus it | b. month |
| 3. finding bags that are too | c. with baggage |
| 4. This is capped at \$95 a | d. big |
| 5. This could lead to fewer | e. oversized bags |
| 6. the company was "struggling" | f. airline Ryanair |
| 7. He said he wants to | g. large suitcases |
| 8. pay up to \$88 for | h. pays to staff |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Passengers must pay up | a. customers |
| 2. Ryanair said stricter rules | b. size |
| 3. most people follow | c. few years |
| 4. luggage is the correct | d. were necessary |
| 5. they are on its | e. air ticket |
| 6. The company said it reminds | f. to \$88 |
| 7. when they book an | g. website |
| 8. disappear after a | h. the rules |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250724-oversized-luggage-0.html>

(1) _____ Ryanair will pay staff
(2) _____ bags that are too big. This is a
"gate bag bonus". The company thinks
(3) _____ could lead to fewer large bags
(4) _____. Ryanair wants to
(5) _____ of passengers with oversized
baggage. Passengers (6) _____ oversized
bags. The fee is \$90.

Ryanair (7) _____ were necessary. Most
people (8) _____. Over 99.9 per cent of
luggage is (9) _____. Ryanair said it
reminds customers about baggage size when they
(10) _____ ticket. The company hopes
(11) _____ oversized luggage will disappear.
This may happen (12) _____ years.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250724-oversized-luggage-0.html>

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it reminds customers about baggage size when they book an air ticket. The

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may happen after a few years.

LUGGAGE ON AIRPLANES

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250724-oversized-luggage-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about luggage on airplanes 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **luggage on airplanes** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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