Describe a person you know that needs to travel a lot by plane
You should say:
1. How do you know about this person
2. Where does this person travel to
3. Why does this person need to do plane travel so much
And say how he/she feels about travelling so much by plane.

Answer:
This topic brings me back to an experience that I had a few years ago. Funny enough, I was on a flight with a friend named Bill who was sitting next to an off-duty airline pilot who was commuting home after a long stretch of work. Bill started up some small talk with him and found out what his profession was. Well, once he discovered who he was, Bill got into a really engaging conversation with him. This is because my pal was considering taking some flight training at that time. I didn’t really get involved in the conversation that much, but I tuned in and heard that the pilot, I’m sorry I don’t recall his name, had a lot of interesting information to share about his job and the airline industry.

He said a lot of things that he loved and disliked about what he did. One thing that I remember was when he shared his perspective about his long work days, which involved regional flying around the country. He said that he’d sometimes do up to four different legs a day to various cities across the country. Being in the air was the part that he was passionate about and never grew tired of. However, he didn’t enjoy his time on the ground in between flights. I was pretty surprised to hear about his unhealthy lifestyle, but after listening further it seemed to make sense. They were rushing around a lot and didn’t have much time to get a proper meal. He grew very tired of airline food to the point where he couldn’t eat it anymore.

Delays happened frequently, which often made him work more than 12 hours a day. And they’d often be away from home for around 4 consecutive days staying in hotels with long commutes back and forth. Those seemed to be the roughest parts that he didn’t like about his job. I guess that he didn’t have to worry about some of the typical passenger complaints, as I think pilots must have a fair amount of room in the cockpit, so they can stretch their legs and not worry about bumping elbows with someone. My friend Bill really gained a lot of useful insights about what it’s like to be a pilot, and he decided that it wasn’t something that he was cut out to do.

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PDF IELTS Part 3 Questions and Model Answers Plane Travel:
1. Is it very common for people in your country to do plane travel?
It’s definitely been growing in popularity over the past 10 years or so. From what I see flight tickets have become much more affordable to the average person in my country. Also, with globalization there is increased business travel both internationally and domestically. It looks like companies prefer faster travel methods to prevent lost time, so they’ll choose it over car or train travel. However, there are a small
2. **What are the benefits and drawbacks of traveling by air?**
   Well, I think the number one advantage is that it is the fastest mode of transport. No other form of public transport can compare to the speed of planes. Also, there are no physical barriers, such as mountains and seas that can obstruct flying. Of course the obvious minus of using this way to travel is the high cost. A flight ticket can be more than a month's salary to a lot of people, so it will take a large bite out of most people’s pockets.

3. **Is cost or comfort more important for plane passengers?**
   I suppose that this depends on a number of factors. A person who is super rich probably won’t care about cost at all. But for the average Joe, price becomes more significant. I’m sure that most people don’t mind putting up with a little amount of discomfort, especially if it’s a short flight of only one or two hours. However, for longer ones comfort suddenly becomes more of a priority. Unfortunately, though most people have to put up with it, unless they want to fork over double the cost of an already expensive ticket to sit in business class.

4. **Do you believe that working at an airport would be a good job?**
   It probably is a decent job for people to do, but I can see why many wouldn’t want to. With a lot of international travellers around everywhere, airports can be pretty interesting places. Also, since flying is a growing business, there must be a lot of work stability. However, many of the jobs there, such as a check-in clerk, or a baggage handler, seem to be boring as they are fairly repetitive. And due to frequent flight delays, they must have to be able to put up with unpredictable work schedules and a lot of irate customers.

5. **What impact is air travel having on the environment?**
   Hmm. I don’t have a lot of knowledge or facts about this. But if I were to guess, I believe that flying by air requires a lot more energy than travel on the ground. So I’m assuming that it is a more polluting form of transport that releases greater amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Also, as far as I know, we are far away from having something like an electric plane that can transport large groups of people. This isn’t the case for cars, such as the Tesla Model S or the Nissan Leaf.

6. **Should governments act to try to restrict the amount of air travel used for leisure purposes?**
   To be honest with you, I’m not sure about it. I think most people would love to have both more international travel as well as cleaner air. And I believe that it may be possible to achieve. Governments should be involved in establishing shared agreements to limit the amount of carbon emissions to certain acceptable levels. This in turn may force airlines and companies like Boeing to come up with new advances that limit toxic fuel usage.