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VOCABULARY PRACTICE
PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each authority word with its meaning.

1 customs ____	**a** a place where officials check travellers' documents
2 passport control ____	**b** the line dividing two countries
3 declare ____	**c** a person who works for an official body, like police or customs
4 arrest ____	**d** money you must pay as a punishment
5 fine ____	**e** to say officially that you are carrying something
6 officer ____	**f** to take someone into custody for a crime
7 border ____	**g** an official examination of bags for illegal items
8 luggage check ____	**h** a document proving who you are
9 suspect ____	**i** a person thought to have committed a crime
10 identity card ____	**j** the place where goods entering a country are checked

2 Choose the correct form.

1 We passed through customs / custom quickly.

2 She waited at passport control / passport controls.

3 You must declare / declared any large sums of money.

4 The police arrested / arrest the suspect.

5 He had to pay a fine / fined.

6 The officer / office checked our documents.

7 We crossed the border / border's easily.

8 Show your identity card / identity cards, please.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

arrested | border | customs | declare | fine | identity card | officer | suspect

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Airport A: At 1 _____, travellers must 2 _____ any expensive items. An 3 _____ checked everyone's bags carefully.
Airport B: Police 4 _____ a man who tried to cross the 5 _____ without a valid 6 _____.
News: A 7 _____ was questioned by police, and later received a 8 _____ for a minor offence.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 legal ____	**a** innocent
2 guilty ____	**b** release
3 arrest ____	**c** illegal
4 honest ____	**d** dishonest
5 suspect ____	**e** witness
6 strict ____	**f** lenient
7 open border ____	**g** closed border
8 declare ____	**h** hide

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

A busy airport

Leo arrived at the airport and went straight to passport control. He waited in a long queue before an officer checked his identity card. At customs, he had to declare a bottle of expensive perfume he had bought abroad. The officer asked a few questions and let him pass without a fine. Leo crossed the border smoothly and felt relieved the process was over.

1 Leo went to passport control first. T / F

2 The queue was short. T / F

3 He had to declare the perfume. T / F

4 He received a fine. T / F

5 He crossed the border smoothly. T / F

6 Leo felt stressed about the process afterwards. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (at, for, through, to).

1 We passed _____ customs.

2 She was arrested _____ theft.

3 He paid a fine _____ the officer.

4 We waited _____ passport control.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word description of an experience passing through customs or border control (real or imaginary). Include what happened and how it felt.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use past tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the description clear and factual.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Authority words

1 j 2 a 3 e 4 f 5 d 6 c 7 b 8 g 9 i 10 h

2 Choose the correct form

1 customs 2 passport control 3 declare 4 arrested 5 fine 6 officer 7 border 8 identity card

3 Descriptions

1 customs 2 declare 3 officer 4 arrested 5 border 6 identity card 7 suspect 8 fine

4 Opposites

1 c 2 a 3 b 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h

5 Reading

1 T
2 F - the queue was long.
3 T
4 F - he did not receive a fine.
5 T
6 F - he felt relieved.

6 Prepositions

1 through 2 for 3 to 4 at

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and factual wording.