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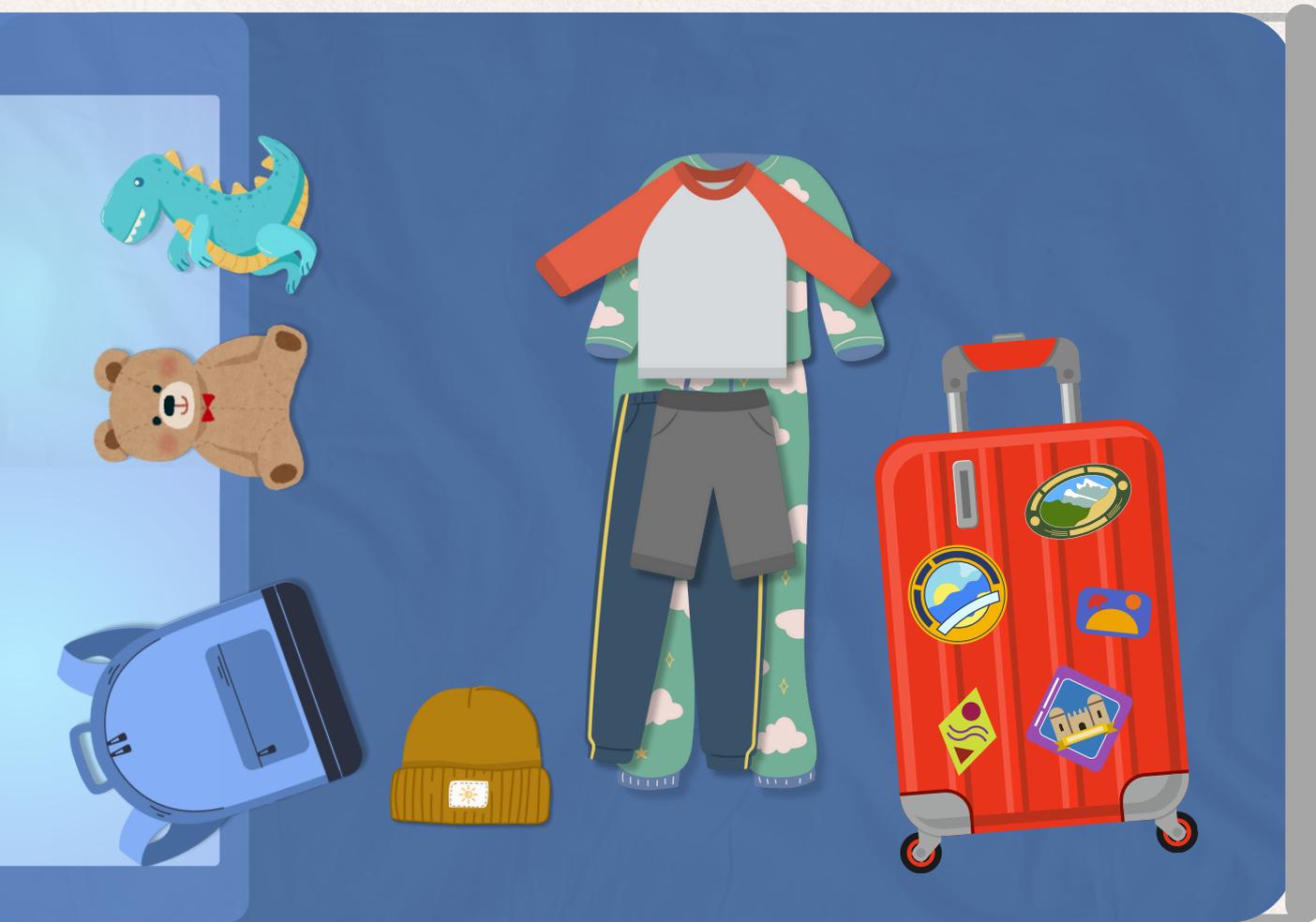


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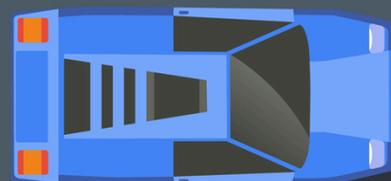
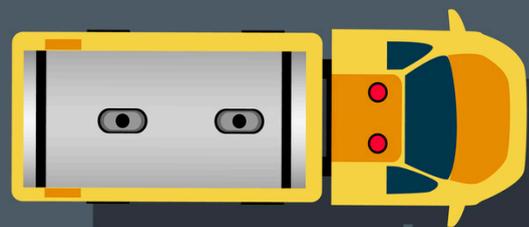
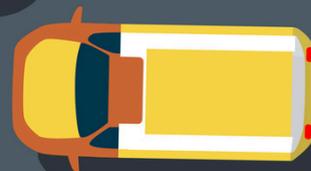
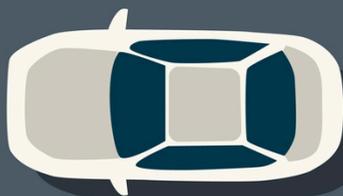
Going on a trip can be very exciting!  
I might take an airplane when I go on my trip.



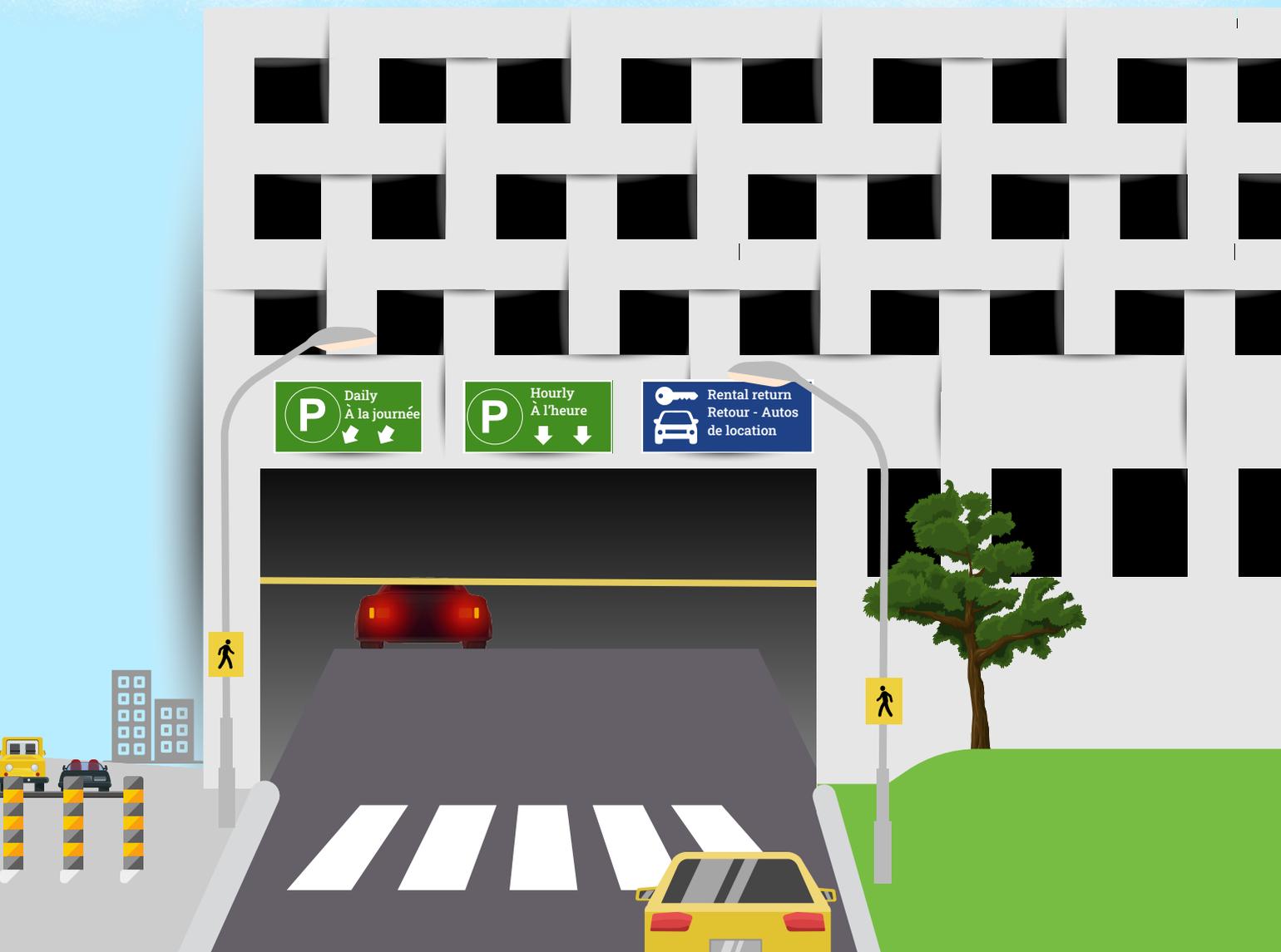


Before my trip, I need to pack my suitcase.  
I'll pack clothes, shoes, and things I need for my adventure.

I'll get to the airport by car, taxi, or bus.



If I drive, I may need to park the car in a special parking lot.

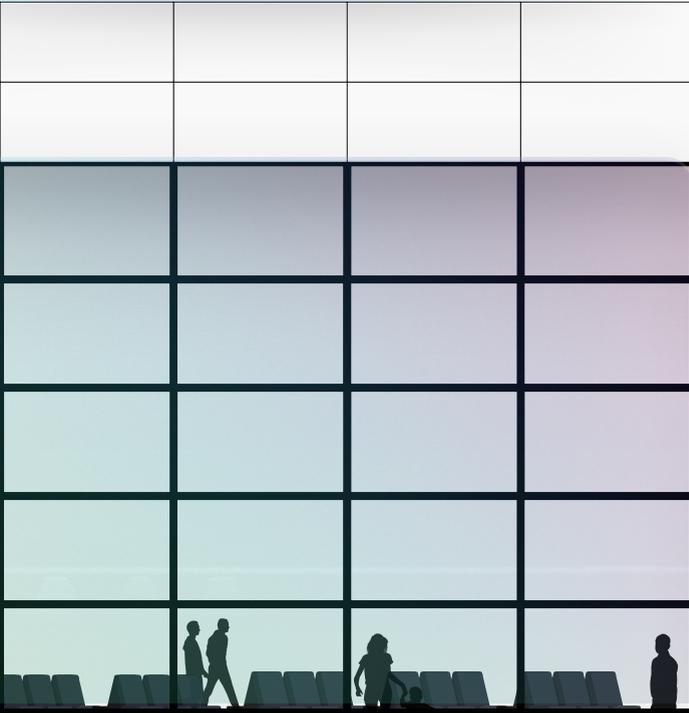


When I arrive at the airport, I have a few things to do before getting on the airplane.





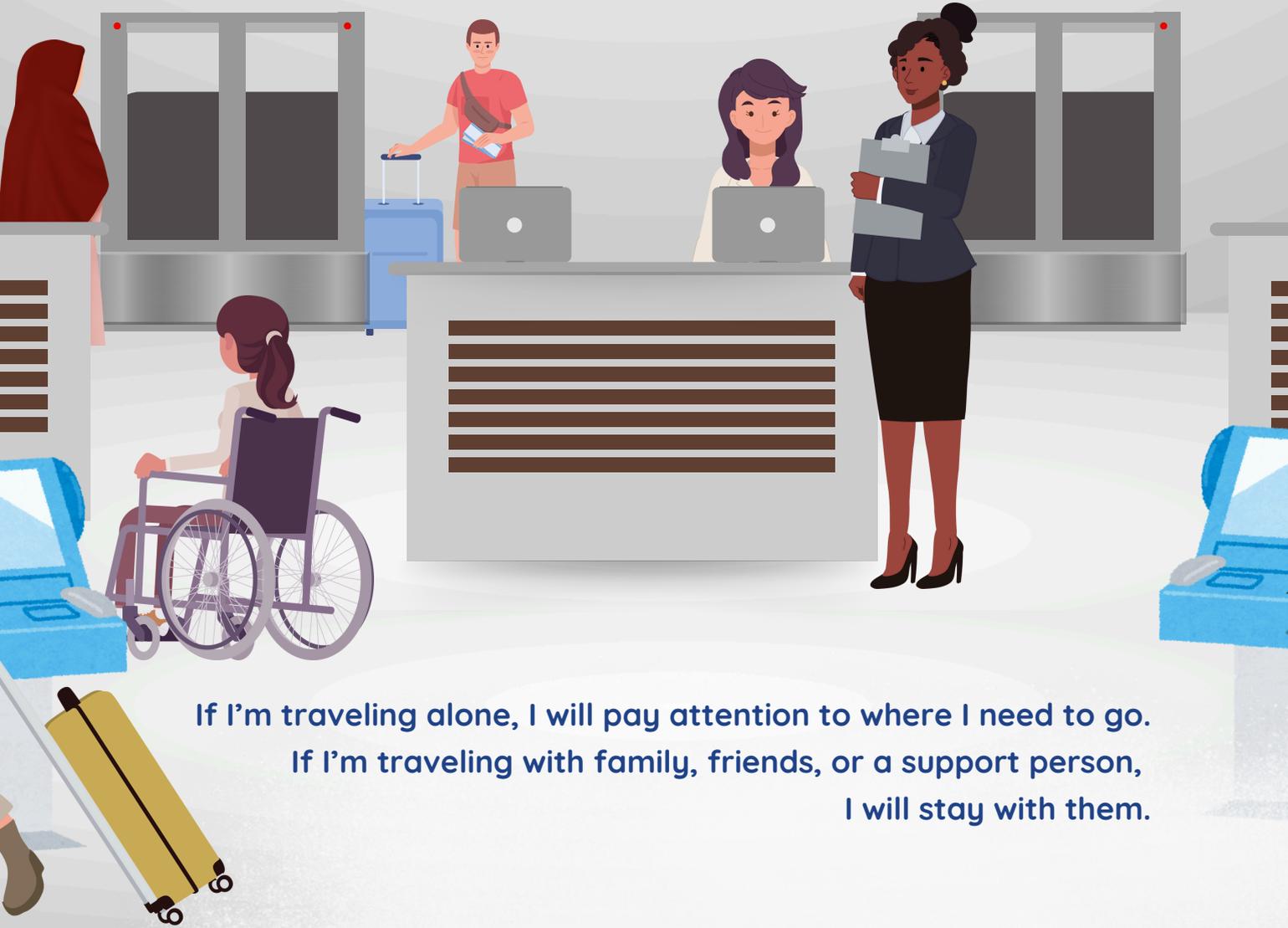
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These are the airport rules, and they are here to help me.  
It's okay because people at the airport will help me know what to do.

Airports can be busy places.

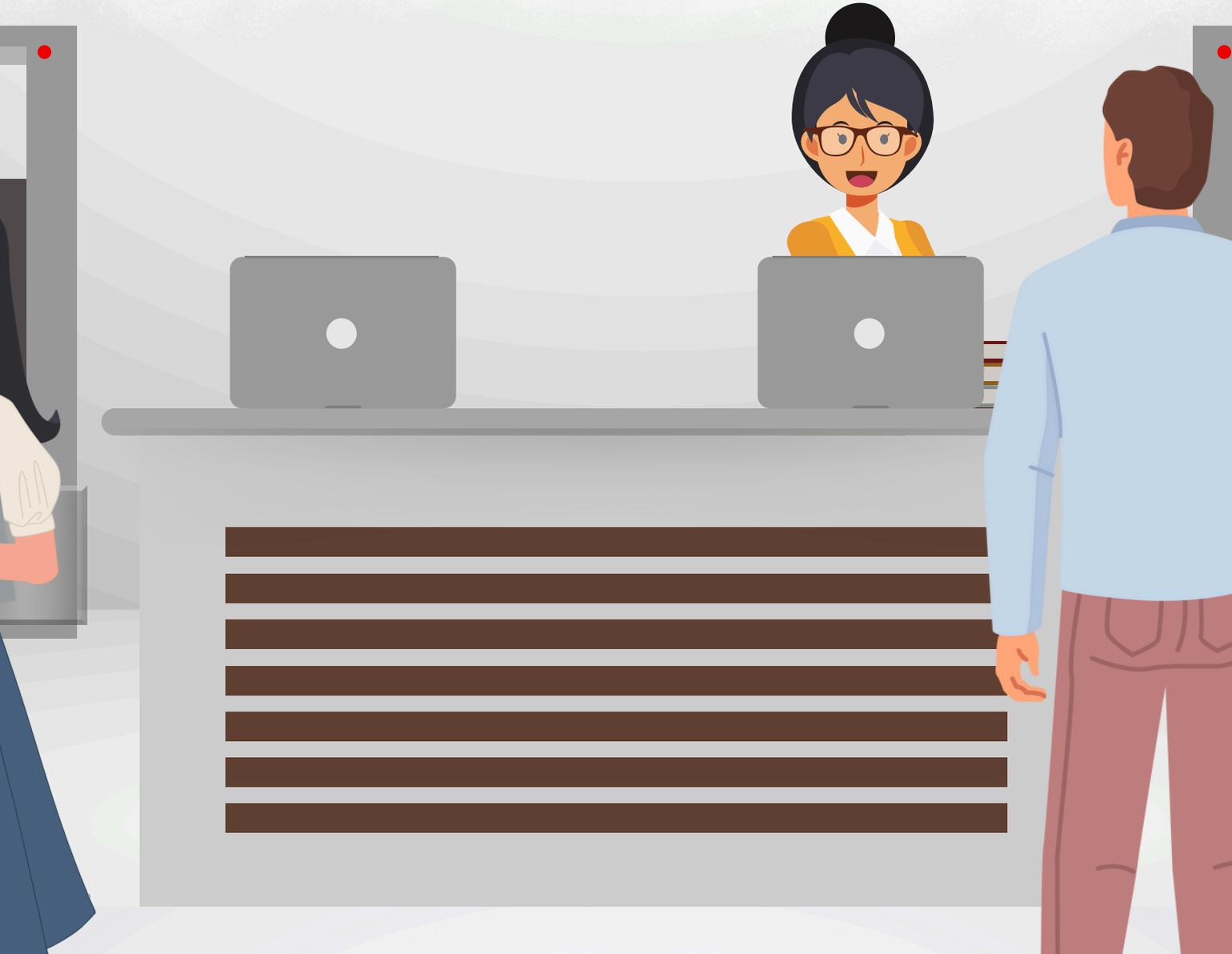
It's important to remember where I am and stay calm.



If I'm traveling alone, I will pay attention to where I need to go.

If I'm traveling with family, friends, or a support person,  
I will stay with them.

The first thing I need to do is check in at the airline counter.  
There might be a line, and that's okay. I will wait until it's my turn.  
I can use a special item while I wait, like a book or a toy, while I wait.



I will show my passport or ID and my ticket to get my boarding pass.



Sometimes, I might use a machine called a kiosk to check in.  
If I need help, I can ask the airline staff.  
This is where I will get my tickets and tags for my bags.



If I am bringing a big suitcase, I will need to put it on a conveyor belt.  
I will get my suitcase back at baggage claim when the airplane lands.

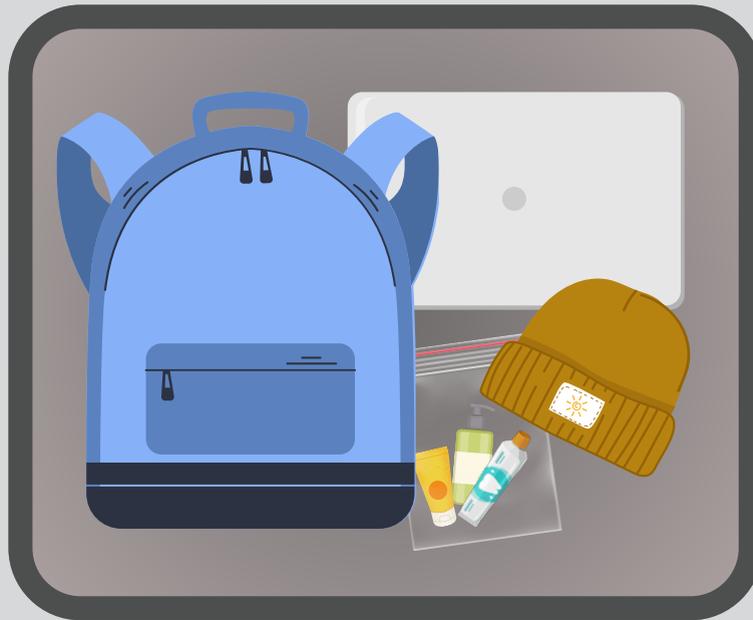


Next, I will go to security.  
This is an important rule that helps keep everyone safe.

At security, I need to listen to the officer.  
I will have my boarding pass ready for the officer to check.  
There may be a line here too, and that's okay.



I will put my liquids, as well as my laptop, bag, jacket, and hat in a bin. I will listen to the officer and place other items they ask me to in the bin.

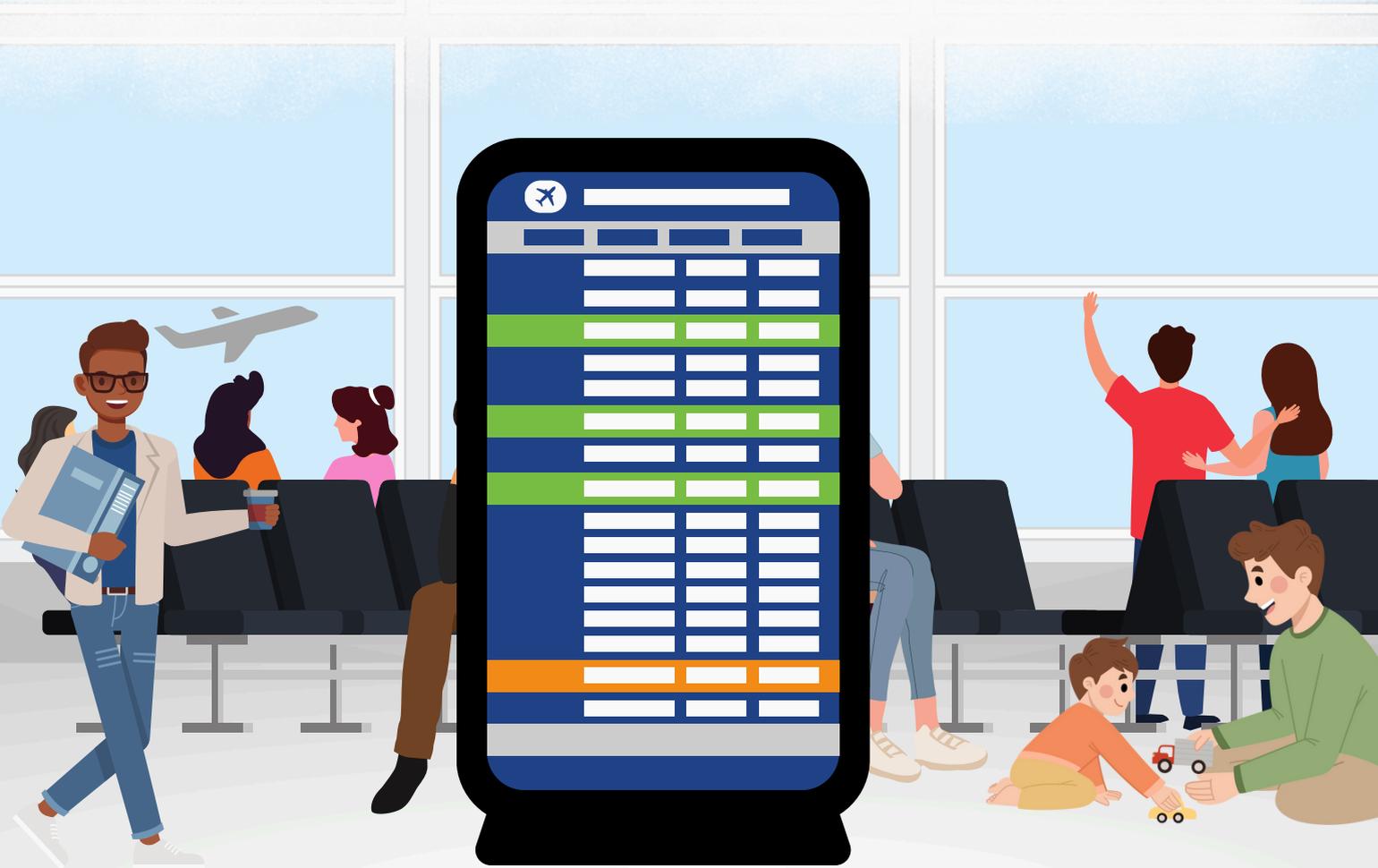


The bin will go through an x-ray machine. I will get my things back on the other side. Next, I will wait my turn to walk through a scanner when the officer says it's okay.



I may need to stand still if the officer uses a special tool to scan me.  
The officers may also need to look in my bag.  
This is okay and doesn't mean I did anything wrong.

After I get my things, I will find out where I need to go next.



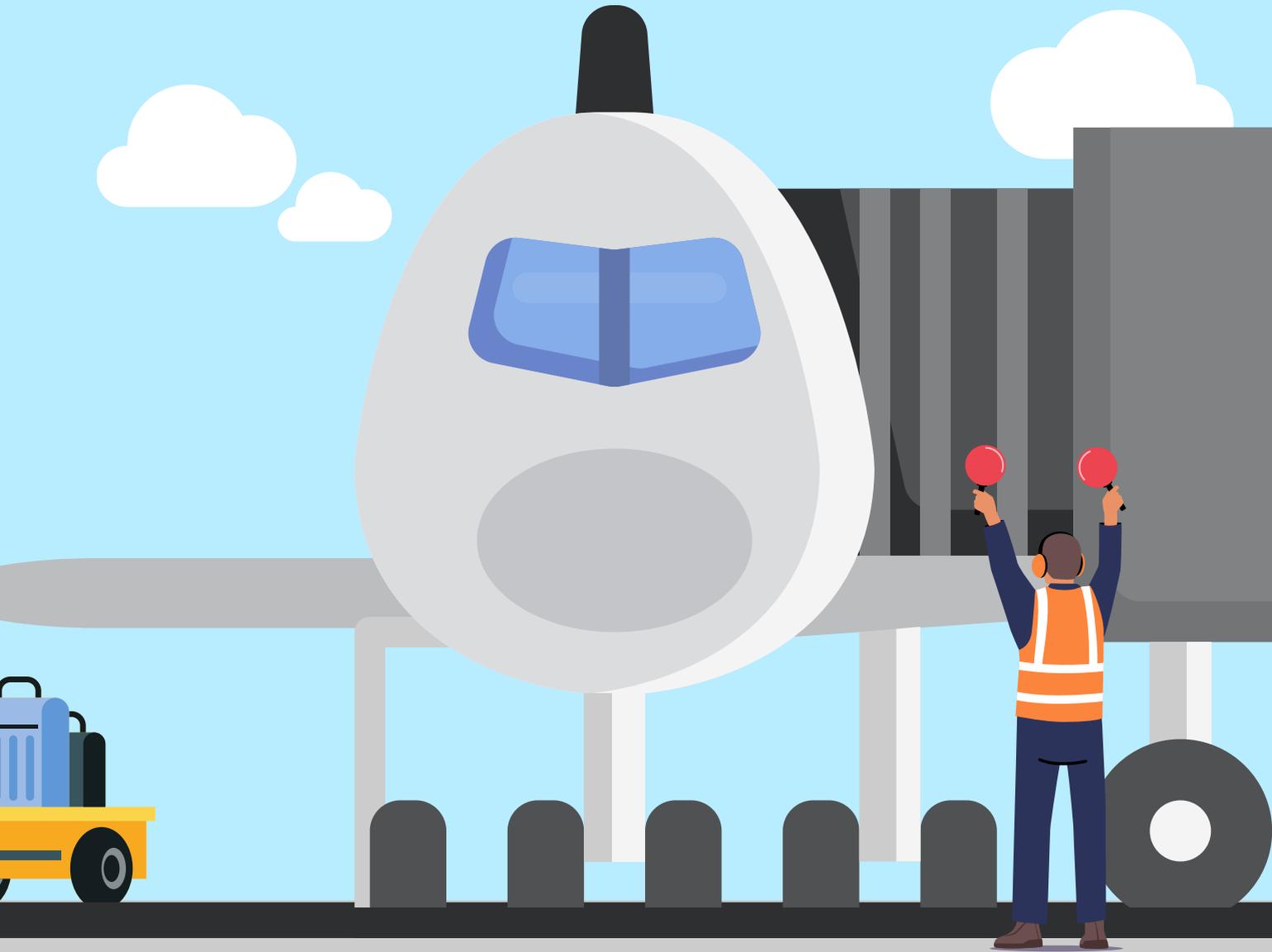
If I'm traveling alone, I'll look at the screen to find my gate number.  
If I'm with my family, friends, or a support person, we will look together.  
Then, we will walk to the gate.



At the gate, I might need to wait.

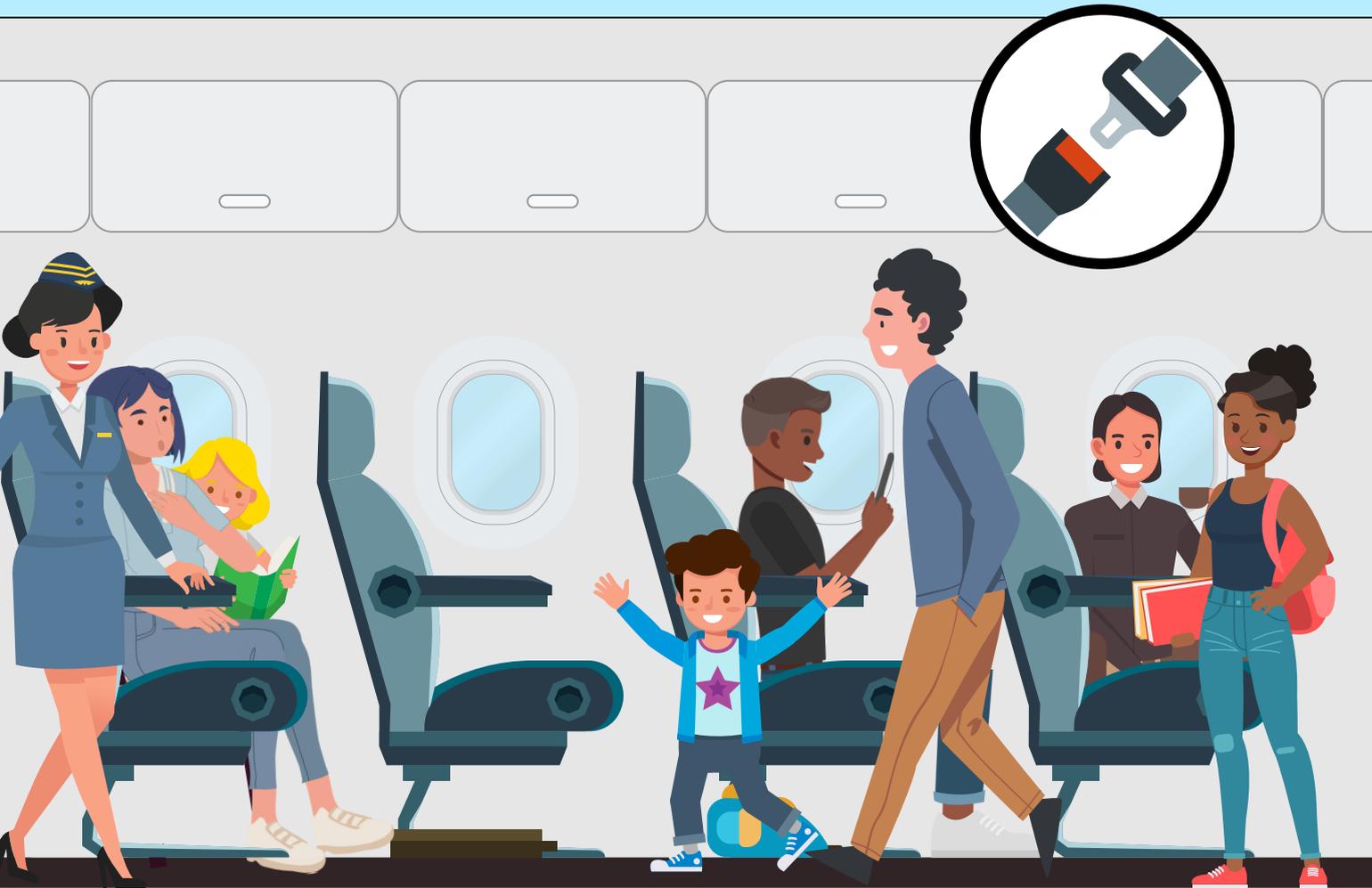
I can read a book, have a snack, or play a game while I wait.

The airline staff will make an announcement when it's time to get on the airplane.



When it's my turn, I will give my ID and boarding pass to the gate agent. Next, I will walk down a tunnel that leads to the airplane.

I will find my seat and put my things in the overhead bin or under the seat in front of me.

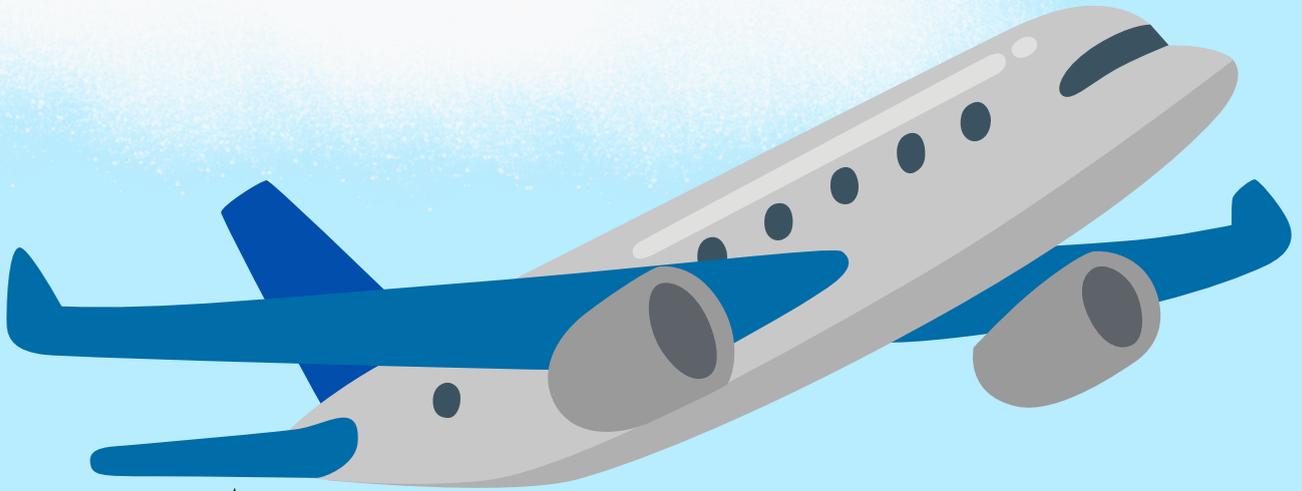


I will sit down and put my seatbelt on.  
If I need help, I can ask the flight attendant, my family, or my support person.

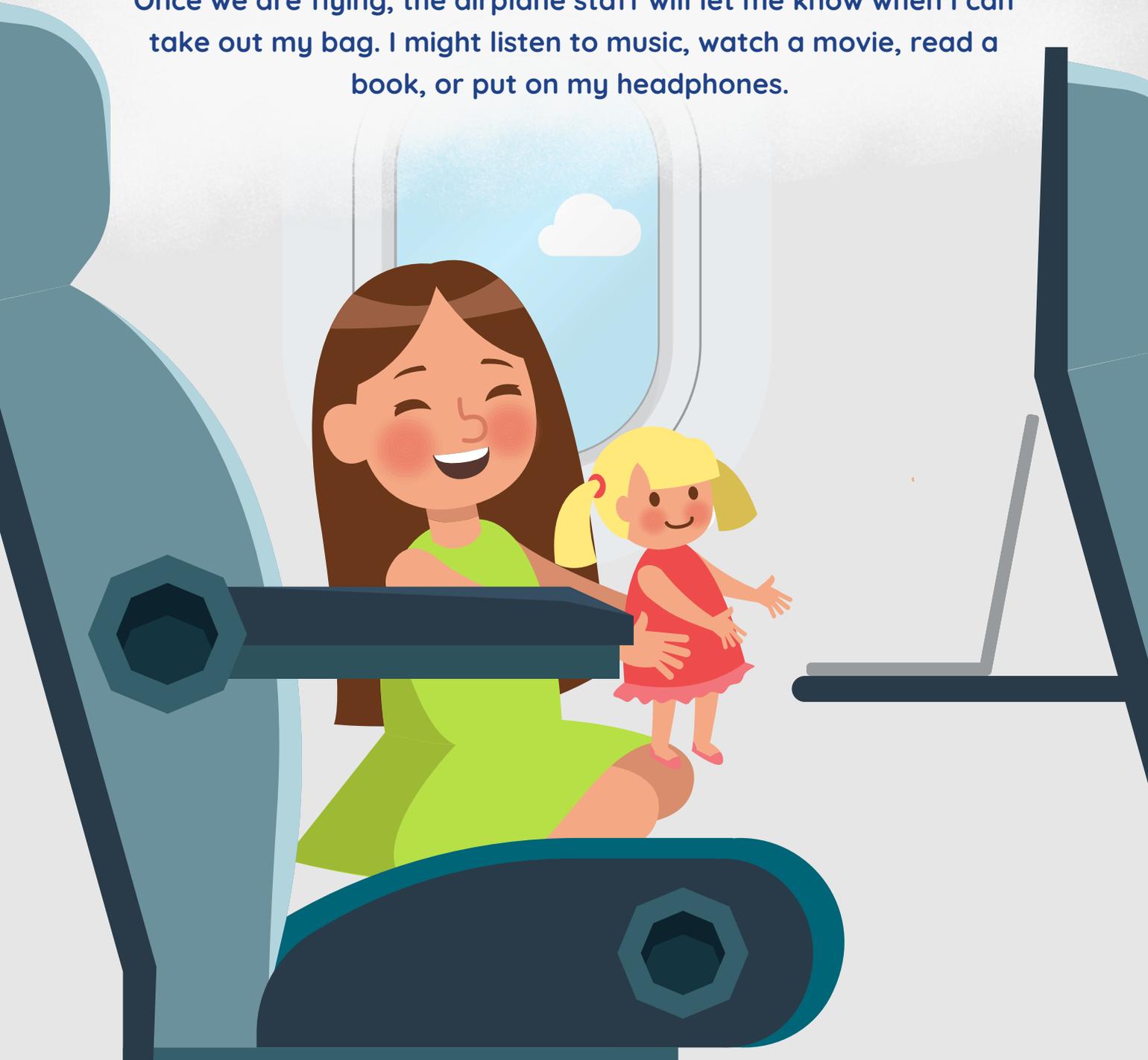
The airplane staff will make announcements.  
I should listen carefully.  
They will tell me when it's time to take off.



When the airplane is taking off, it will make loud sounds.  
The airplane will go up in the air.



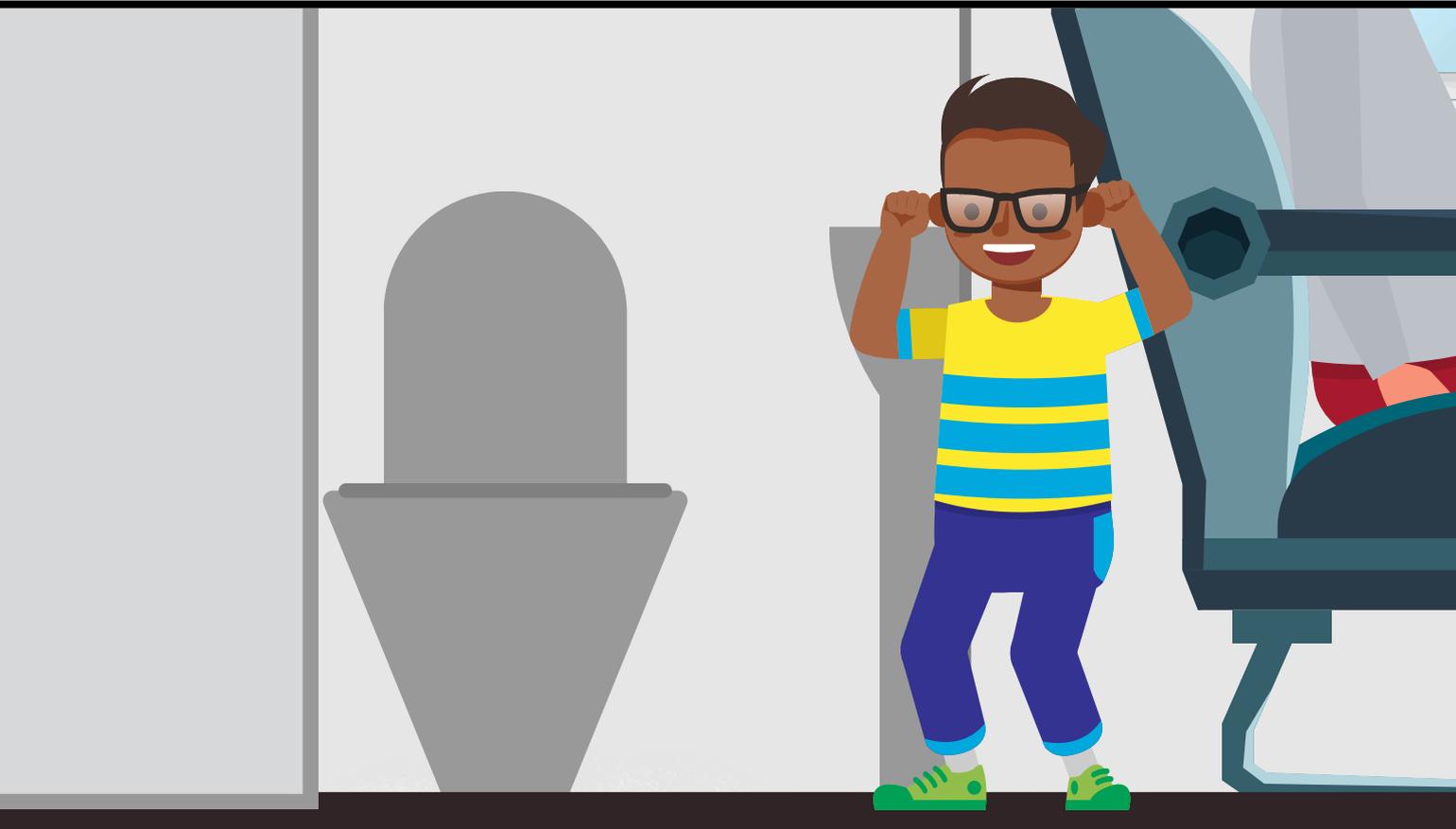
Once we are flying, the airplane staff will let me know when I can take out my bag. I might listen to music, watch a movie, read a book, or put on my headphones.



If I need to go to the bathroom, I can go by myself or ask someone to come with me. The bathrooms on the airplane are very small. I may have to wait for my turn.

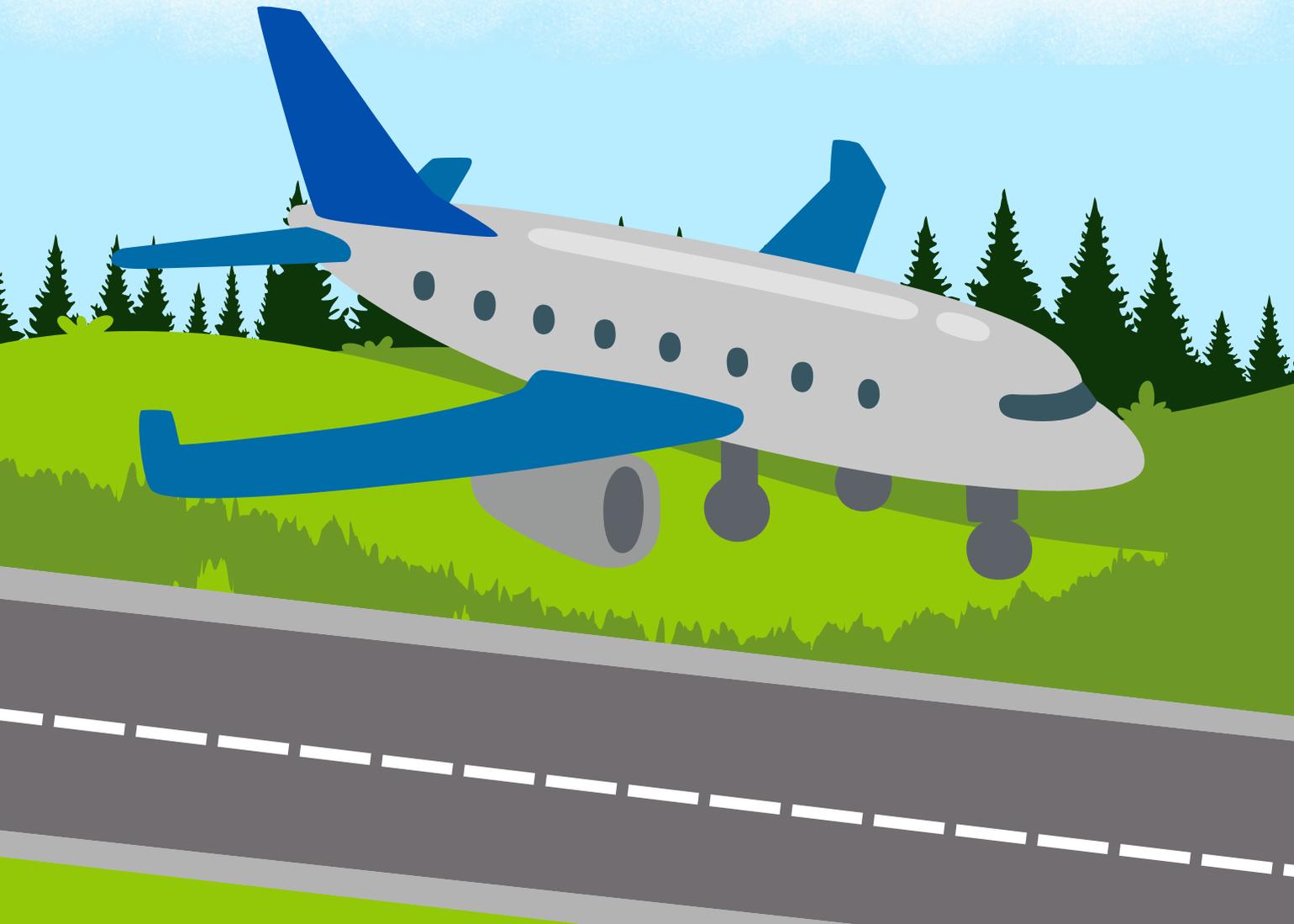


There is a sink, a toilet, and a small mirror inside.  
The toilet makes a loud noise when I flush it.  
That's okay; it is part of how the airplane works.



If the noise bothers me, I can cover my ears, put on my  
headphones or ask for help.  
After I use the bathroom, I'll wash my hands and go back to my seat.

The airplane staff will let me know when it's time to land.  
This can feel funny as it goes back down to the ground.  
When it lands, sometimes the airplane goes bump, bump, bump.  
This is okay because I am wearing my seatbelt.





After the airplane stops, I will keep my seatbelt on until the airplane staff says it's okay to stand up. I will get my things from the overhead bins and leave the airplane.



I will follow the signs to get my bags from the baggage claim area. I will wait patiently for my suitcase.



If I'm traveling alone, I will wait until I see my suitcase.

If I'm with my family or a support person, we will wait together.

When I see my suitcase, I can get it.

Going on trips is exciting, and flying is fun!  
Next time, I will know just what to do.



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