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International Airport

A modern international airport is a vast complex the size of a small town. Each year, it will process through its system hundreds of thousands of aircraft movement, several million passengers and many tons of freight.

Each aircraft movement is controlled from a tower in which there are air-traffic controllers in charge of all taking- off and landing movements. The controllers have a radio link with all aircraft and monitor their airborne movements by radar. Planes are getting faster and runways are getting longer and modern airports must have runway at least 1,892 metres long.

To process such huge numbers of people each day an airport must employ a staff of many thousands. Amongst these are ground staff to help people with their enquires and custom officials to check that certain good do not go out or come into the country without their knowledge. Caterers supply restaurants and café's as well as providing pre-packed meals for passengers in flight. Maintenance engineers, whose vital job is to ensure the safety of the aircraft, run into several thousands.

Freight is often handled at a separate terminal, where aircraft are usually specifically fitted out. Type of freight varies enormously and may include anything from a gorilla bound for a foreign zoo to gold bullion in transit to an overseas bank.

Air travel increases annually and airport facilities are continually being extended. Today's international airport, already a scene of endless, teeming activity, promises to be even busier in the future. The largest airport in the world is Beijing Daxing International.

Fill the gaps with a word or words that have the same meaning as the text.

1. A modern airport is a huge operation similar to _____
_____. Every year aircraft, _____,
_____ and _____
will pass through it.

2. Air Traffic Control is vital for _____.

3. Many other types of staff work at the airport too such as, _____
_____.

4. Cargo or _____ is a massive part of the airports income.

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Define the word or term:

Teeming activity : _____

Endless: _____

Airborne: _____

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