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## Packing tips

So you're going away for a few months. How are you going to pack your whole life in that tiny suitcase? Text exchange becoming fashionable again, with 10 packing tips to make you're suitcase lighter.

Words: Tom Nugter

1. The first important tip is to check how much luggage you can take with the airline you're flying with.
2. People don't think you're weird when you wear heavy mountain shoes in midsummer when you step into an airplane. Then probably think you're an exchange student. So don't waste precious packing space, just wear the shoes.
3. Wearing multiple layers of clothes is allowed in a plane and saves weight in your suitcase. Don't be bothered by when people look silly at you, you're an exchange student and you will get used to that.
4. Pack an almost empty tube of toothpaste instead of a full one and pack some shampoo samples. It would be a shame if you have to leave your favourite shirt at home because you've packed stuff that cost next to nothing. You can always buy new when you get there.
5. When you check in your suitcase at the airport, distract the steward by asking nicely where the bathroom is. They won't notice that you suitcase is way overloaded.
6. Whatever they tell you, they don't weigh your hand luggage.
7. A memory card full of pictures is much lighter than the collection of photo frames on your bedside table.
8. Throw away that big pile of towels your mother gave you. Wherever you go, there is always a shop where you can buy cheap towels.
9. If you really can't live without reading a book a day, consider an e-reader.
10. Of course, you need clothes. But do you need ALL of them? If you have friends or family coming over, try to take only clothes for the first season, and then ask your parents/friends to bring your winter/summer clothes and take your other clothes back with them.

## Things to bring

### ICOON global picture dictionary

Words: Solveig Wraage

Say you just moved into this new place and you are fixing up everything. You realize that you need a "Wasserwaage". Maybe your neighbor has one. Only problem is: You are in Spain but you know neither the Spanish nor any other way to describe this tool. So what do

you do? You can try to act it out but unfortunately a "Wasserwaage" has neither a distinct shape (long, rectangular) nor does it make any sounds.

It is situations like this one where the ICOON dictionary comes in handy. It is a pocket-size picture dictionary that contains symbols for almost any situation or item possible. Including the ones you recognize but cannot even name in your own language. So, instead of scaring your neighbor with awkward pantomime, you can just pull out the dictionary and point at the symbol. Hopefully

they will say: "Ah, you mean an air-lever. Yes, I have one."

This dictionary is the perfect companion for anyone who is exploring other countries, especially outside the comfort zone of the tourist. The only downside: The awkward pantomime is actually a good way of connecting with people.

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