

Smithsonian Institution

Pre-Visit Stories



WAITING AT A MUSEUM



Morning at the Museum

Waiting



I am going to a museum. I will probably have to **wait**.

‘**Wait**’ often means staying in one area without much to do.

Most people do not enjoy **waiting**.

Still, they **wait** for a very good reason.

Waiting and Staying Calm



Waiting also means each person will probably get a turn.

That's why most people decide to **stay calm** and **wait**.

Waiting at the Door



People often have to **wait** at the museum door.

There may be a line of people ready to visit the museum.

They **wait** and then go inside.

Waiting at Security



People often have to **wait** at security.

It takes a little time for security officers to check each bag.

Then, each person goes inside.

Waiting for the Restroom

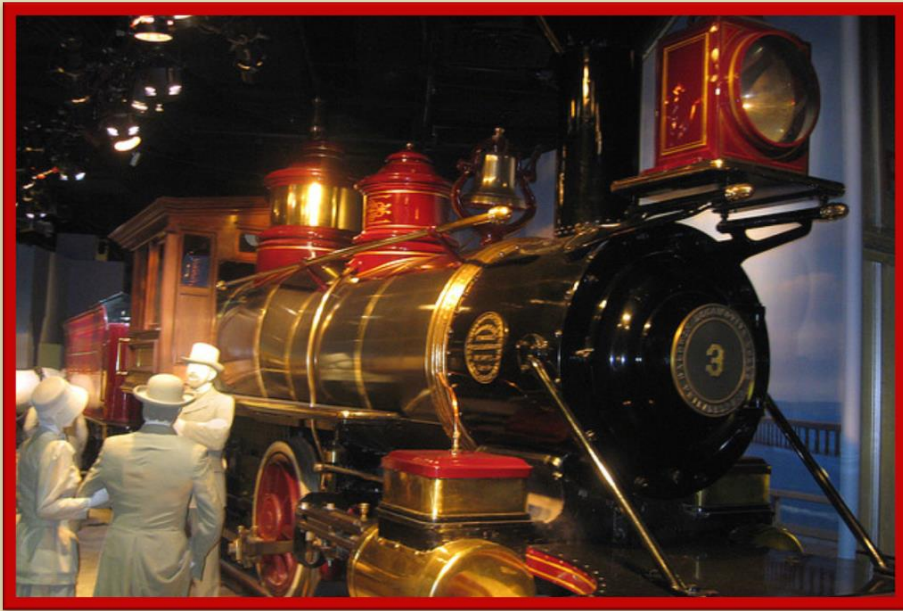


Sometimes, people have to **wait** to use the restroom.

This is because there are more people than toilets.

They **wait** and then use the toilet.

Waiting at the Exhibit



People may need to **wait** to see a display.

A popular display is one that many people want to see.

It may be crowded around a popular display.

When others move away, then it's possible to see the display.

Waiting for an Activity



Other times, people have to **wait** to use a game, or participate in a museum activity.

Especially if a game is fun, people may need to **wait**.

Sometimes a game is so much fun that people say, “It was worth the **wait**.”

Strategies for Waiting



- ✓ Staying calm makes **waiting** easier.
- ✓ **Waiting** may be difficult, but staying calm is smart.
- ✓ It makes **waiting** more comfortable for everyone.
- ✓ **Waiting** is one way that people share a museum.
- ✓ When I visit the museum, I may have to **wait**. This is okay.