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**Cheap American flights threaten Canadian airport business
Answer Sheet**

What does the writer mean by “the promise of cheaper flights”?

The writer means that American flights are advertised in Canadian cities, and they are cheaper.

What state is the Grand Forks International Airport in?

Grand Forks International Airport is in the state of North Dakota.

What advantage do American airports have, that allows them to sell flights cheaper?

American airports don't have as many expenses (they don't pay rent or as many taxes).

What are the two reasons mentioned that cause Canadian flights to be more expensive?

Canadian airports have to pay rent and special (additional) taxes to the government. Also Canada has a smaller population, so fewer customers means more expensive flights.

Can you think of some other reasons why Canadian flights are more expensive? *Note: the answer is not given in the reading; use Google search to find some more information.*

Airline employees are unionized and paid higher wages as a result; Canada has stricter laws for airline companies (for safety, equipment maintenance), so the airlines have more operating expenses.

Do the people interviewed in the reading want to fly out of American airports? Why or why not? *Note: some reasons are mentioned, others are implied so you will have to read carefully.*

The people enjoy saving money on flights (as much as \$1,000) but don't like having to travel so far to catch their flights.

Are there any benefits to having more expensive flights mentioned in the story? Can you think of any ways that having more expensive flights could benefit customers?

The reading doesn't mention any benefits to having more expensive flights. One possible benefit is increased traveler safety.

What is the main idea in this reading?

That Canadian flights are more expensive than American flights.

What is the writer's point of view in this reading? Do you agree or disagree with the writer?

The writer's point of view is that the more expensive flights are a bad thing, and the situation has to change.