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Long security lines, crowded departure gates and unexpected delays and cancellations are a fact of life for frequent business travelers. Priority Pass eases the journey by granting on-the-go executives access to the comforts and amenities of airport VIP lounges, regardless of their travel class, airline and existing memberships in other programs. Anyone 21 or older can join the program to enjoy such benefits as quiet spaces with comfy couches and state-of-the-art facilities fully equipped with telephones, wireless internet access, flat machines, teleconferencing and conference areas. Forget to eat lunch? Complimentary snacks, soda and coffee are provided. The pass currently offers unlimited entry to more than 100 airport VIP areas at major airports in over 275 cities, including New York, and 90 countries around the world, from the United Kingdom and Singapore to Korea and Argentina. Annual membership plans range from standard to prestige and cost between \$99 and \$399 per year. Those traveling with colleagues can bring them into the exclusive spaces for as little as \$25 per guest. Priority Pass, 1-800-762-2824, prioritypass.com

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Talking Point

New York City is a primary hub in the global business world, and that means occasionally having to deal with foreign language-speaking clients and colleagues. Those who find themselves tongue-tied in such situations can turn to LINGO's new Voyager 4 talking translator (right, about \$200). Words or phrases entered into the battery-powered, FDA-like device are translated to writing on its oversized LCD back lit screen and articulated by a computer-generated voice in 14 languages (English, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, German, Portuguese, Dutch, Greek, Arabic and Hebrew).



The pocket-sized powerhouse contains a database of more than 280,000 words and 32,200 phrases, such as "Can you help me?" and "How do I get there by car?", and offers busy travelers a wealth of tools and information at their fingertips: for example, a built-in voice recorder, calculator, world time clock, currency converter and more. Need to pass time between appointments or meetings? The 3.25-inch-by-4-inch, 8-ounce gadget also features Sudoku and seven other games. Manufacturer Schlemmer, 147 E. 57th St., 421-9000

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