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Level 5

Holland's king reveals secret life as pilot

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THE READING

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Next time you fly, there just might be a king at the plane's controls. Holland's King Willem-Alexander has just revealed he has been secretly flying planes twice a month for KLM for 21 years. His passengers did not know. The 50-year-old king got his military pilot's license in his twenties when he was in the Dutch Air Force. He developed a love of flying and became a commercial pilot. He talked about his secret life as a pilot in an interview with journalists. The king said he now wanted to upgrade his skills. He is back on an aircraft simulator to train to fly Boeing 737s.

King Willem-Alexander told reporters that flying meant he could relieve all his stress. He explained: "You have an aircraft, passengers and crew. You have responsibility for them. You can't take your problems from the ground into the skies. You can completely disengage and concentrate on something else. That...is the most relaxing part of flying." He said it was easy to keep his secret while flying. Very few passengers knew he was piloting their plane. He said: "I always...wish everyone a heartfelt welcome on behalf of the captain and the crew. I don't...say my own name."

Sources: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2017/05/18/dutch-king-reveals-secret-life-as-a-klm-airline-pilot>
<http://www.newsweek.com/dutch-king-airline-pilot-klm-martinair-king-willem-alexander-611265>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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| 1. a king at the plane's | a. simulator |
| 2. he has been | b. in his twenties |
| 3. twice a | c. secretly flying planes |
| 4. His passengers did | d. his skills |
| 5. got his military pilot's license | e. controls |
| 6. a commercial | f. not know |
| 7. he now wanted to upgrade | g. pilot |
| 8. He is back on an aircraft | h. month |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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| 1. he could relieve | a. on something else |
| 2. passengers and | b. for them |
| 3. You have responsibility | c. a heartfelt welcome |
| 4. from the ground | d. keep his secret |
| 5. concentrate | e. all his stress |
| 6. He said it was easy to | f. of the captain |
| 7. I always wish everyone | g. crew |
| 8. on behalf | h. into the skies |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SECRET LIFE SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170520-secret-life-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about secret life in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

