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**Level 4 – 16th February, 2019**

## **Airbus to end production of A380 airplane**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190216-airbus-a380-4.html>

Airbus plans to stop making its famous A380 airplane in 2021. It is the world's largest airliner. It was launched 12 years ago. People said it was the future of flying. Changes in how people fly mean the end for four-engine passenger planes. Airbus will stop production of the 544-seat A380 because sales are falling. Dubai's Emirates Airlines cut its A380 order by 39 planes. There will be big job losses at Airbus and other companies.

The A380 first flew in April 2005. Britain's leader called it a "symbol of economic strength". Spain's leader called it "a dream". The plane was designed to make airports less busy. However, increased air travel means airlines want twin-engine planes. These can fly non-stop to where people want to go. Four-engine planes require passengers to change at other airports. Emirates said the A380 was a "passenger magnet" and was "misunderstood" by other airlines.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. It is the world's             | a. losses           |
| 2. People said it was the future | b. passenger planes |
| 3. the end for four-engine       | c. seat A380        |
| 4. stop production of the 544-   | d. companies        |
| 5. sales are                     | e. by 39 planes     |
| 6. cut its A380 order            | f. of flying        |
| 7. There will be big job         | g. largest airliner |
| 8. Airbus and other              | h. falling          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Spain's leader called it     | a. "passenger magnet" |
| 2. make airports less           | b. planes             |
| 3. airlines want twin-engine    | c. engine planes      |
| 4. These can fly non-           | d. by other airlines  |
| 5. Four-                        | e. busy               |
| 6. require passengers to change | f. stop               |
| 7. the A380 was a               | g. "a dream"          |
| 8. misunderstood                | h. at other airports  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The A380 (7) \_\_\_\_\_ April 2005. Britain's leader called it (8) \_\_\_\_\_ economic strength". Spain's leader called it "a dream". The plane was designed to make (9) \_\_\_\_\_. However, increased air travel means airlines want twin-engine planes. These (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to where people want to go. Four-engine planes require passengers (11) \_\_\_\_\_ other airports. Emirates said the A380 was a "passenger magnet" and was "misunderstood" (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# AIRPLANES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190216-airbus-a380-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about airplanes 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) \_\_\_\_\_

