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Level 0 – 29th February, 2020

Microsoft Flight Simulator includes all world airports

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200229-flight-simulator-0.html>

Microsoft's Flight Simulator now has all the world's airports. Gamers can take off from and land at 37,000 airports. These include international airports like New York's JFK, and landing strips in the middle of deserts or on top of mountains. Designers used satellite photos to make the airports look like the real airports.

The graphics are better in the new game. There are windsocks blowing in the wind and service trucks driving around. The runways are like the real runways. The lead designer said: "We decided to [use] real satellite pictures...and edit each airport manually." The result is that every airport is "a step closer to reality".

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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200229-flight-simulator-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. all the world's | a. airports |
| 2. take off from and | b. satellite photos |
| 3. These include international | c. of deserts |
| 4. landing | d. like the real airports |
| 5. in the middle | e. land at |
| 6. on top of | f. strips |
| 7. Designers used | g. mountains |
| 8. make the airports look | h. airports |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The graphics are better | a. in the wind |
| 2. There are windsocks blowing | b. manually |
| 3. service trucks | c. the real runways |
| 4. The runways are like | d. to reality |
| 5. The lead | e. satellite pictures |
| 6. We decided to use real | f. in the new game |
| 7. edit each airport | g. designer |
| 8. every airport is a step closer | h. driving around |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200229-flight-simulator-0.html>

Microsoft's Flight Simulator (1) _____ the world's airports. Gamers can take off from (2) _____ 37,000 airports. These include international airports like New York's JFK, (3) _____ in the middle (4) _____ on (5) _____. Designers used satellite photos to make the airports look like (6) _____.

The (7) _____ in the new game. There are windsocks blowing (8) _____ and service trucks driving around. The runways (9) _____ real runways. The (10) _____: "We decided to [use] real satellite pictures... (11) _____ airport manually." The result is that every airport is "(12) _____ to reality".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FLIGHT SIMULATORS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200229-flight-simulator-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Flight simulators 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) _____

