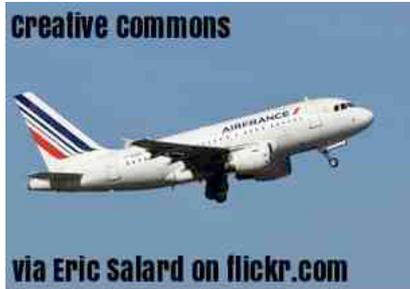


## Air France plane in bomb scare

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There was a bomb scare on an Air France flight on Sunday. The plane was flying from the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius to Paris. A passenger found a strange-looking

device made from a kitchen timer, cardboard and paper in a toilet. They alerted staff and the pilot decided to make an emergency landing in the Kenyan port city of Mombasa, which was the nearest airport. Air France's CEO Frederic Gagey said the device was harmless and caused a "false alarm". He said that someone probably put it in the toilet at some point during the flight. Mr Gagey added: "All the information available to us at the moment indicates that the object was not capable of creating an explosion or damaging a plane."

Some of the passengers were put on alternative flights to Paris. Five others are being questioned by the police. A Kenyan police chief told the Reuters news agency that: "[Some people] are now airborne, but a few among them, who we were interrogating, have remained with us, until ongoing investigations are done." The plane was carrying 459 passengers and 14 crew members. One of those on board said the crew told them that the plane was being diverted because of a technical problem. He said: "The plane just went down, slowly, slowly, slowly, so we just realised probably something was wrong." He added: "The crew of Air France were just great, just wonderful. They kept everybody calm and really quiet."

Sources: Reuters / the-star.co.ke / WashingtonPost

## Writing

Many people think it is too dangerous to fly. What do you think?

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

*bomb / scare / passenger / timer / pilot / airport / device / false alarm / toilet / flight / passengers / questioned / police chief / airborne / investigations / crew / technical*

## True / False

- The Air France plane was flying over the Atlantic Ocean. T / F
- The device on the plane was made from a kitchen timer. T / F
- The plane landed in Kenya. T / F
- The device found on the plane was very dangerous. T / F
- All of the passengers on the flight were held for questioning by police. T / F
- Crew told passengers on the flight that there was a technical problem. T / F
- The plan went down to land very quickly. T / F
- The crew kept everyone on the plane very quiet. T / F

## Synonym Match

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|------------------|----------------|
| 1. device        | a. redirected  |
| 2. alerted       | b. in          |
| 3. harmless      | c. harming     |
| 4. during        | d. different   |
| 5. damaging      | e. warned      |
| 6. alternative   | f. relaxed     |
| 7. interrogating | g. gadget      |
| 8. diverted      | h. noticed     |
| 9. realised      | i. safe        |
| 10. calm         | j. questioning |

## Discussion – Student A

- What would you have done if you had been on that flight?
- What should the crew tell passengers in situations like this?
- What do you do on an airplane to pass the time?
- What is your favourite airline and why?
- What do you think it's like to be a pilot?
- What are the good and bad things about being a flight attendant?
- How professional do you think airline crew are?
- What would you like to ask a passenger on the flight?

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## Phrase Match

1. a strange-
  2. make an emergency
  3. caused a false
  4. All the information available to
  5. not capable of creating
  6. passengers were put on alternative
  7. ongoing
  8. technical
  9. something was
  10. They kept everybody
- a. alarm
  - b. problem
  - c. flights
  - d. an explosion
  - e. investigations
  - f. wrong
  - g. landing
  - h. calm
  - i. us at the moment
  - j. looking device

## Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you worry about when you fly?
- c) What should happen to the person who made this bomb scare?
- d) Do you worry about terrorism?
- e) How scary would it have been on the Air France plane?
- f) What things do you like about flying?
- g) How can we make airports and airplanes safer?
- h) Why do you think the person did this?

## Spelling

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12. we just ardselie (UK) / eiredlza (USA)

### Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. e	3. i	4. b	5. c
6. d	7. j	8. a	9. h	10. f

## Role Play

### Role A – Airplane

You think airplane is the best way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways of travelling. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): train, boat or bicycle.

### Role B – Train

You think train is the best way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways of travelling. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): airplane, boat or bicycle.

### Role C – Boat

You think boat is the best way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways of travelling. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): train, airplane or bicycle.

### Role D – Bicycle

You think bicycle is the best way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways of travelling. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): train, boat or airplane.

## Speaking – Transport

Rank these with your partner. Put the best way to travel at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- airplane
- coach
- train
- motorbike
- boat
- taxi
- bicycle
- helicopter

### Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	T	d	F	e	F	f	T	g	F	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.