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Air France plane in bomb scare

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THE READING

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There was a bomb scare on an Air France flight. The plane was flying from Mauritius to Paris. A passenger found something strange-looking in a toilet. It was a kitchen timer, cardboard and paper. The passenger alerted the pilot and he made an emergency landing at a nearby airport in Kenya. Air France's CEO said the device was harmless and caused a "false alarm". He said someone put it in the toilet during the flight. The CEO said: "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 flew on other flights to Paris. Police are questioning five others. The police told the Reuters news agency that: "[Some people]...have remained with us, until ongoing investigations are done." There were 459 passengers and 14 crew members on board. The crew told passengers that the plane was being diverted because of a technical problem. A passenger said: "The plane just went down, 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."

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. The plane was flying | a. harmless |
| 2. It was a kitchen | b. at the moment |
| 3. made an emergency | c. timer |
| 4. the device was | d. an explosion |
| 5. false | e. landing |
| 6. someone put it in the toilet during | f. alarm |
| 7. information available to us | g. from Mauritius to Paris |
| 8. the object was not capable of creating | h. the flight |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. Police are questioning | a. problem |
| 2. ongoing | b. was wrong |
| 3. 459 passengers and | c. down slowly |
| 4. diverted because of a technical | d. calm |
| 5. The plane just went | e. five others |
| 6. we just realised probably something | f. were just great |
| 7. The crew of Air France | g. investigations |
| 8. They kept everybody | h. 14 crew members |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There was (1) _____ an Air France flight. The plane was flying from Mauritius to Paris. A passenger found something strange-(2) _____. It was a kitchen timer, cardboard and paper. The passenger alerted the pilot and he made (3) _____ at a nearby airport in Kenya. Air France's CEO said the device was harmless and caused (4) _____. He said someone put it in the toilet during the flight. The CEO said: "All the information (5) _____ the moment indicates that the object was not capable of (6) _____ or damaging a plane."

Some of the passengers (7) _____ flights to Paris. Police are questioning five others. The police told the Reuters news agency that: "[Some people]...have (8) _____, until ongoing investigations are done." There were 459 passengers and 14 (9) _____ board. The crew told passengers that the plane was being diverted (10) _____ technical problem. A passenger said: "The plane just went down, slowly...so we just realised probably (11) _____." He added: "The crew of Air France were just great, just wonderful. They (12) _____ and really quiet."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
