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## Level 1

### Questions surrounding Malaysia plane crash

**20th July, 2014**

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# THE READING

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A Malaysian plane was shot down over Ukraine on Thursday. All 298 passengers and crew died. No one knows who did it. Ukraine blames pro-Russian rebels. The rebels say their technology cannot shoot an airplane flying at 10,000 metres. They blame Ukraine. The plane was flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur. The pilot heard the route above Ukraine was safe. There was fighting on the ground. Malaysians are shocked they have lost another airplane.

Investigators must find out what happened. They need the airplane's black box. This has important information about the flight's last seconds. The rebels control the crash area. Ukraine said rebels used a Russian surface-to-air missile to hit the plane. A rebel leader said the Ukrainian government shot the plane. Planes that were in the sky above Ukraine changed direction. All air space above Ukraine is now closed.

Sources: <http://www.straitstimes.com/news/asia/south-east-asia/story/wrap-malaysia-airlines-jet-mh17-believed-shot-down-ukraine-295-dead-#sthash.SRH6cMnt.dpuf>  
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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-28357880>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. shot                             | a. was safe              |
| 2. passengers                       | b. on the ground         |
| 3. No one knows                     | c. at 10,000 metres      |
| 4. Ukraine blames                   | d. lost another airplane |
| 5. an airplane flying               | e. pro-Russian rebels    |
| 6. the route above Ukraine          | f. down over Ukraine     |
| 7. There was fighting               | g. who did it            |
| 8. Malaysians are shocked they have | h. and crew              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Investigators must find      | a. information       |
| 2. They need the airplane's     | b. is now closed     |
| 3. This has important           | c. out what happened |
| 4. the flight's last            | d. area              |
| 5. The rebels control the crash | e. direction         |
| 6. surface-to-                  | f. black box         |
| 7. changed                      | g. air missile       |
| 8. air space above Ukraine      | h. seconds           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A Malaysian plane was (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Ukraine on Thursday. All 298 passengers and crew died. No one knows who did it. Ukraine (2) \_\_\_\_\_ rebels. The rebels say their technology cannot shoot (3) \_\_\_\_\_ at 10,000 metres. They blame Ukraine. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur. The (5) \_\_\_\_\_ above Ukraine was safe. There was fighting on the ground. Malaysians (6) \_\_\_\_\_ have lost another airplane.

Investigators (7) \_\_\_\_\_ what happened. They need the airplane's black box. This (8) \_\_\_\_\_ about the (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The rebels control the crash area. Ukraine said rebels used a Russian (10) \_\_\_\_\_ missile to hit the plane. A rebel leader said the Ukrainian government shot the plane. Planes that were (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Ukraine changed direction. All air space above Ukraine (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

## WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140720-malaysia-airliner-1.html>

Write about **airplanes** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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