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Woman thrown off plane for shouting at crying baby

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A passenger on a flight in the USA asked was leave the airplane because she complained about a crying baby. The woman told cabin crew that she would not sit down because of a crving baby boy in

the seat next to hers. The woman was very rude to the baby's mother and swore at her many times. The mother, Marissa Rundell, was taking a flight with her 8-month-old baby son from New York's JFK airport to her home in the city of Syracuse in New York State. Even though it was just a short flight, the angry woman was very unhappy that she had to sit next to the mother and her baby. She even said it was terrible that she had to sit at the back of the plane. The flight was full, so she could not be reseated.

Ms Rundell took a video of the woman shouting at her and her baby. Rundell posted the video footage on social media. It starts with the angry woman gathering her bag and coat from her seat and angrily shouting: "I'm not sitting next to a crying baby." Rundell tried to make the woman calm down. She told her: "He's not going to cry the whole time." The woman then got very angry and started to swear at Ms Rundell. Cabin crew asked the woman to leave the airplane. It took her ten minutes to leave. She then said she would get the cabin crew fired. Rundell wrote on Facebook: "This lady thought she was going to be rude to me and Mason, now she had no way home today."

Sources: nypost.com / dailystar.co.uk / dailymail.co.uk

Writing

We should all help mothers when their baby is crying. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

passenger / airplane / complained / rude / flight / airport / unhappy / terrible / plane / video / video footage / shouting / calm down / swear / ten minutes / home / today

True / False

- a) A woman sat down next to a crying baby on an airplane. T / F
- b) The article said the mother swore at the angry passenger. T / F
- c) The baby was three months old. T / F
- d) There were many empty seats on the plane the woman could sit in. T / F
- e) The mother posted a video of the angry woman on social media. T / F
- f) The mother tried to get the angry woman to calm down. T / F
- g) The angry woman took ten minutes to get off the airplane. T / F
- h) The angry woman made the cabin crew lose their jobs. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1. passenger

. 2. complained

3. rude

4. short

5. terrible

6. posted

7. calm down

8. whole

9. fired

10. way

a. awful

b. brief

c. sacked

d. impolite

e. entire

f. traveler

g. route

h. protested

i. relax

j. uploaded

Discussion - Student A

- a) What do you think of crying babies?
- b) How would you feel about sitting next to a crying baby?
- c) What do you think of the woman for complaining?
- d) Have you ever complained to someone?
- e) Have you ever had a bad experience on an airplane?
- f) What advice do you have for mothers with crying babies?
- g) What advice do you have for the angry woman?
- h) Should the airline have tried to reseat the angry woman?

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Phrase Match

- 1. A passenger
- 2. she complained about
- 3. The woman was very rude to
- 4. it was just a short
- 5. she had to sit at the
- 6. posted the video
- 7. make the woman calm
- 8. He's not going to cry the
- 9. cabin
- 10. she was going to be

Discussion - Student B

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) Why do babies cry?
- c) Should the mother have posted the video on social media?
- d) Why do people have problems with crying babies?
- e) Should the mother take the woman to court?
- f) How difficult is it to be a cabin attendant?
- g) Are people becoming angrier recently?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the mother?

Spelling

- 1. A asepgnser
- 2. she Impaoniced about a crying baby
- 3. cabin recw
- 4. the baby's mother and wsroe at her
- 5. it was <u>rtireble</u>
- 6. The Ifgiht was full
- 7. video ootafge
- 8. <u>tehargnig</u> her bag and coat
- gairnly shouting
- 10. aclm down
- 11. It took her ten minutes to ealve
- 12. be rdue to me

Answers – Synonym Match

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

- a. the baby's mother
- b. whole time
- c. flight
- d. rude to me
- e. footage on social media
- f. on a flight
- g. crew
- h. down
- i. a crying baby
- j. back of the plane

Role Play

Role A - Sleeping Time

You think sleeping time is the best time to be with a baby. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): feeding time, bath time or play time.

Role B - Feeding Time

You think feeding time is the best time to be with a baby. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): sleeping time, bath time or play time.

Role C - Bath Time

You think bath time is the best time to be with a baby. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): feeding time, sleeping time or play time.

Role D - Play Time

You think play time is the best time to be with a baby. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): feeding time, bath time or sleeping time.

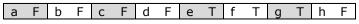
Speaking - Babies

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about babies at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- play time
- bath time
- how they crawl
- baby talk

- their smile
- their cheeks
- their sleeping face
- feeding time

Answers - True False



Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.