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## Level 3

### Singapore-Kuala Lumpur world's busiest air route

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# THE ARTICLE

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Sources: <https://www.businesstoday.in/sectors/aviation/this-is-the-world-busiest-international-flight-route/story/276251.html>  
<https://sg.news.yahoo.com/worlds-busiest-international-airline-routes-141329888.html>  
<https://asiancorrespondent.com/2018/05/kl-to-singapore-is-the-busiest-airline-route-in-the-world/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. AIR ROUTES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about air routes. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

report / air travel / intelligence / international / budget / flight / traffic / Singapore / Dubai / statistics / passengers / domestic / Hong Kong / million / London / daily

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. TRANSPORT:** Students A **strongly** believe air travel is the best form of transport; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. CITIES:** What do you know and what do you want to know about these cities? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I know	What I want to know
Singapore		
Kuala Lumpur		
Seoul		
Osaka		
Dubai		
London		

**5. AIR:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "air". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. AIR TRAVEL:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best thing about air travel at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- airports
- taking off
- in-flight entertainment
- airplanes
- landing
- airplane food
- air miles
- upgrades

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. intelligence | a. A journey taken by an airplane, helicopter, space rocket, etc.                |
| 2. exactly      | b. Inexpensive; cheap.   |
| 3. flew         | c. The movement of cars, buses, trucks, etc. on roads, and airplanes in the sky. |
| 4. average      | d. The collection of information.  |
| 5. flight       | e. The past tense of the verb "fly".   |
| 6. budget       | f. Most common.  |
| 7. traffic      | g. Not more or less.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 8. statistics | h. Worked in, had responsibility for, or provide services to a particular area.                |
| 9. passengers | i. A piece of land surrounded by water.  |
| 10. domestic  | j. Numbers that are examined and used to tell us things.                                       |
| 11. island    | k. A long way by airplane.   |
| 12. covered   | l. Travelers on a bus, plane, ship, or in a taxi, etc., other than the driver, pilot, or crew. |
| 13. long-haul | m. Every day.  |
| 14. daily     | n. Existing or happening inside a particular country; not foreign or international.            |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180506-air-routes.html>

## 1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A passenger satisfaction company wrote a report about air routes. **T / F**
- b. There were over 30,000 flights between Singapore and KL in a year. **T / F**
- c. No budget airlines fly between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. **T / F**
- d. The busiest non-Asian route was London to Paris. **T / F**
- e. The busiest route by passenger numbers was Hong-Kong-Taipei. **T / F**
- f. About 4.7 million people flew between Singapore and Jakarta in a year. **T / F**
- g. The world's busiest domestic route was New York - Los Angeles. **T / F**
- h. About 38 flights a day go between London and New York. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>report</b>        | a. inexpensive  |
| 2. <b>international</b> | b. figures      |
| 3. <b>exactly</b>       | c. sole         |
| 4. <b>budget</b>        | d. precisely    |
| 5. <b>seeing</b>        | e. slightly     |
| 6. <b>statistics</b>    | f. global       |
| 7. <b>passengers</b>    | g. national     |
| 8. <b>just</b>          | h. travellers   |
| 9. <b>domestic</b>      | i. study        |
| 10. <b>only</b>         | j. experiencing |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. new report by the air-travel intelligence | a. seeing the busiest traffic |
| 2. exactly                                   | b. of passengers              |
| 3. flight                                    | c. haul route                 |
| 4. Seoul and Osaka                           | d. Asian routes               |
| 5. the busiest non-                          | e. the skies were             |
| 6. statistics on how busy                    | f. routes                     |
| 7. if you count the number                   | g. time                       |
| 8. the busiest domestic                      | h. covered the route          |
| 9. 65,000 flights                            | i. company                    |
| 10. The only long-                           | j. 30,537 flights             |

# GAP FILL

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*end*  
*under*  
*report*  
*routes*  
*covered*  
*traffic*  
*flew*  
*budget*

OAG provided more (9) \_\_\_\_\_ on how busy the skies were in the year to February 2018. The busiest route if you (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the number of passengers was Hong Kong to Taipei. More than 6.5 million passengers (11) \_\_\_\_\_ between these two cities. Singapore-Jakarta was second, with 4.7 million; followed by Singapore-KL, with (12) \_\_\_\_\_ over 4 million passengers. OAG also reported on the busiest domestic routes. The world's busiest (13) \_\_\_\_\_ air route is between Seoul and the South Korean (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of Jeju. In 2017, 65,000 flights covered the route, with almost 180 flights per day - one every seven-and-a-half minutes. The only (15) \_\_\_\_\_ -haul route in the top-20 list is New York JFK to London Heathrow, which has around 38 (16) \_\_\_\_\_ flights.

*flew*  
*domestic*  
*long*  
*count*  
*daily*  
*statistics*  
*just*  
*island*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180506-air-routes.html>

- 1) A new report by the air-travel \_\_\_\_\_ OAG
  - a. intelligent company
  - b. intelligentsia company
  - c. intelligence company
  - d. intelligences company
- 2) From March 2017 to the end of February 2018, exactly 30,537 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. flights glue
  - b. flights grew
  - c. flights flew
  - d. flights flu
- 3) There was an average of 84 flights every day - that's one flight every 17 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. minutes or soon
  - b. minutes as so
  - c. minutes or so
  - d. minutes and so
- 4) The flight time between Singapore and KL is \_\_\_\_\_ hour
  - a. just under an
  - b. just under a
  - c. just under at
  - d. just under eight
- 5) New York LaGuardia to Toronto, and Dubai to Kuwait were the \_\_\_\_\_ routes
  - a. busiest not-Asian
  - b. busiest none-Asian
  - c. busiest no-Asian
  - d. busiest non-Asian
- 6) OAG provided more statistics on how busy \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the spies were
  - b. the skies were
  - c. the shies were
  - d. the sties were
- 7) Singapore-Jakarta was second, with 4.7 million; \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore-KL
  - a. followed buy
  - b. followed bye
  - c. followed bay
  - d. followed by
- 8) The world's busiest domestic air route is between Seoul and the South Korean \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. inland of Jeju
  - b. Iceland of Jeju
  - c. Ireland of Jeju
  - d. island of Jeju
- 9) In 2017, 65,000 flights covered the route, with almost 180 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. flights par day
  - b. flights per day
  - c. flights pore day
  - d. flights pure day
- 10) ...in the top-20 list is New York JFK to London Heathrow, which has \_\_\_\_\_ flights
  - a. around 38 dailies
  - b. around 38 dally
  - c. around 38 daisy
  - d. around 38 daily

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180506-air-routes.html>

1. What kind of intelligence company is OAG?
2. How many flights went between KL and Singapore in a year?
3. What was there a whole host of flying between KL and Singapore?
4. How many of the top ten busiest routes are in Asia?
5. What was the Dubai route mentioned in the article?
6. What was the busiest route by passenger numbers?
7. How many passengers flew between Singapore and KL?
8. What is the world's busiest domestic route?
9. How often do flights fly between Seoul and Jeju?
10. How many flights are there between New York and London?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180506-air-routes.html>

- 1) What kind of intelligence company is OAG?
  - a) air miles
  - b) passenger
  - c) air-travel
  - d) aviation
- 2) How many flights went between KL and Singapore in a year?
  - a) 30,537
  - b) 33,537
  - c) 30,557
  - d) 30,237
- 3) What was there a whole host of flying between KL and Singapore?
  - a) budget airlines
  - b) passengers
  - c) drones
  - d) helicopters
- 4) How many of the top ten busiest routes are in Asia?
  - a) 6
  - b) 7
  - c) 5
  - d) 8
- 5) What was the Dubai route mentioned in the article?
  - a) Dubai-Delhi
  - b) Dubai-Doha
  - c) Dubai-Bahrain
  - d) Dubai-Kuwait
- 6) What was the busiest route by passenger numbers?
  - a) Singapore-Seoul
  - b) Hong Kong to Taipei
  - c) Hong Kong to Jakarta
  - d) Taipei-Singapore
- 7) How many passengers flew between Singapore and KL?
  - a) just over 4 million
  - b) just under 4 million
  - c) exactly 4 million
  - d) about 4 million
- 8) What is the world's busiest domestic route?
  - a) New York-Boston
  - b) London-Manchester
  - c) Seoul-Jeju
  - d) Shanghai-Beijing
- 9) How often do flights fly between Seoul and Jeju?
  - a) every hour
  - b) every 32 minutes
  - c) every 10 minutes
  - d) every 7 1/2 minutes
- 10) How many flights are there between New York and London?
  - a) 38
  - b) 36
  - c) 39
  - d) 37

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Airports**

You think airports are the best things about air travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): airplanes, airplane food or upgrades.

## **Role B – Airplanes**

You think airplanes are best thing about air travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): airports, airplane food or upgrades.

## **Role C – Airplane Food**

You think airplane food is best things about air travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): airplanes, airports or upgrades.

## **Role D – Upgrades**

You think upgrades are best things about air travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): airplanes, airplane food or airports.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180506-air-routes.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'air' and 'route'.

<b>air</b>	<b>route</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• new</li><li>• exactly</li><li>• 84</li><li>• time</li><li>• seven</li><li>• non</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• statistics</li><li>• count</li><li>• 6.5</li><li>• domestic</li><li>• island</li><li>• long</li></ul>
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# AIR ROUTES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180506-air-routes.html>

Write five GOOD questions about air routes 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.

# AIR ROUTES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'air'?
3. What do you think of air travel?
4. What problems do busy air routes cause?
5. What are the good and bad things about airplanes?
6. How safe is air travel?
7. Why are routes in Asia the busiest?
8. What is the best form of transport?
9. What do you think of budget airlines?
10. What do you think of your national airline?

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# AIR ROUTES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'route'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What would the most dangerous air route be?
15. How can airlines cut the pollution they create?
16. What is the best airline in the world?
17. Do you prefer domestic or international flights?
18. Where would you like to fly to?
19. What will air travel be like in the future?
20. What questions would you like to ask a pilot?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |                   |                 |                   |                  |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) to            | (b) as          | (c) at            | (d) by           |
| 2.  | (a) ending        | (b) ended       | (c) ends          | (d) end          |
| 3.  | (a) flight        | (b) flew        | (c) flies         | (d) flown        |
| 4.  | (a) on            | (b) at          | (c) by            | (d) to           |
| 5.  | (a) underling     | (b) underneath  | (c) under         | (d) less         |
| 6.  | (a) non           | (b) not         | (c) no            | (d) none         |
| 7.  | (a) statistically | (b) statistics  | (c) statisticians | (d) statistician |
| 8.  | (a) number        | (b) numeral     | (c) numerical     | (d) numbering    |
| 9.  | (a) follows       | (b) followed    | (c) follower      | (d) following    |
| 10. | (a) domestically  | (b) domesticate | (c) domestic      | (d) domesticate  |
| 11. | (a) for           | (b) far         | (c) per           | (d) her          |
| 12. | (a) cyst          | (b) gist        | (c) mist          | (d) list         |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. the air-travel etenlcnenili company
2. xeactly 30,537
3. there was an aareveg of 84
4. that's one ltfghi every 17 minutes
5. a host of gtuedb airlines
6. the eisusb traffic

## Paragraph 2

7. sttisiscat on how busy the skies were
8. the number of aenrsspessg
9. ooldlfew by Singapore-KL
10. the busiest tmoidsce routes
11. 65,000 flights doverce the route
12. The only ogln-halu route

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180506-air-routes.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) and Dubai to Kuwait were the busiest non-Asian routes.
- ( ) day - one every seven-and-a-half minutes. The only long-haul route in the top-
- ( ) flew between these two cities. Singapore-Jakarta was second, with 4.7 million; followed by Singapore-KL, with just over
- ( ) 20 list is New York JFK to London Heathrow, which has around 38 daily flights.
- ( ) OAG provided more statistics on how busy the skies were in the year to February
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# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. report A company . new air by the travel
2. flights 30,537 between Singapore . Exactly flew
3. 84 every average day . flights An of
4. flight every minutes so . or That's one 17
5. busiest The top seven routes . air international
6. More the were . busy statistics how skies on
7. you The if busiest route count the passengers .
8. flew cities . between these passengers 6.5 million Over
9. The world's is busiest Seoul-Jeju . air domestic route
10. long-haul in only top-20 the The route list .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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OAG provided more statistics on *how / what* busy the skies were in the year to February 2018. The busiest route if you *discount / count* the number of passengers was Hong Kong to Taipei. More than 6.5 million passengers *flown / flew* between these two cities. Singapore-Jakarta was *secondly / second*, with 4.7 million; followed by Singapore-KL, with just over 4 million passengers. OAG also reported *in / on* the busiest domestic routes. The world's busiest domestic air route is *among / between* Seoul and the South Korean *island / Iceland* of Jeju. In 2017, 65,000 flights *discovered / covered* the route, with almost 180 flights per day - one every seven-and-a-half minutes. The only *long-haul / long-heel* route in the top-20 list is New York JFK to London Heathrow, which has around 38 *daily / dally* flights.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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A n\_w r\_p\_r\_t b\_y t\_h\_ \_ \_ r - t\_r\_v\_l \_n\_t\_l\_l\_g\_n\_c\_ c\_m\_p\_n\_y O A G s\_y\_s S\_n\_g\_p\_r\_t\_ K\_ \_ l\_ L\_m\_p\_r\_ \_s t\_h\_ w\_r\_l\_d'\_s b\_s\_ \_ s\_t \_n\_t\_r\_n\_t\_ \_n\_l\_ \_ \_ r\_r\_ \_t\_. F\_r\_m M\_r\_c\_h 2017 t\_ t\_h\_ \_n\_d \_f F\_b\_r\_ \_r\_y 2018, \_x\_c\_t\_l\_y 30,537 f\_l\_g\_h\_t\_s f\_l\_w b\_t w\_ \_n S\_n\_g\_p\_r\_ \_n\_d K\_L. T\_h\_r\_ w\_s \_n \_v\_r\_g\_ \_f 84 f\_l\_g\_h\_t\_s \_v\_r\_y \_d\_y - t\_h\_t'\_s \_n\_ f\_l\_g\_h\_t \_v\_r\_y 17 m\_n\_t\_s \_r\_s. T\_h\_ r\_ \_t\_ \_s c\_v\_r\_d b\_y S\_n\_g\_p\_r\_ A\_r\_l\_n\_s, M\_l\_y\_s\_ \_ A\_r\_l\_n\_s \_n\_d \_h\_s\_t \_f b\_d\_g\_t\_ \_ \_ r\_l\_n\_s. T\_h\_ f\_l\_g\_h\_t t\_m\_ b\_t w\_ \_n S\_n\_g\_p\_r\_ \_n\_d K\_L \_s j\_s\_t \_n\_d\_r \_n h\_ \_r. A\_s\_ \_ h\_s t\_h\_ t\_p s\_v\_n b\_s\_ \_ s\_t \_n\_t\_r\_n\_t\_ \_n\_l\_ \_ \_ r\_r\_ \_t\_s, w\_t\_h S\_n\_g\_p\_r\_, K\_ \_ l\_ L\_m\_p\_r\_, S\_ \_ \_ l\_ \_n\_d O\_s\_k\_ s\_ \_ \_n\_g t\_h\_ b\_s\_ \_ s\_t t\_r\_f\_f\_c. N\_w Y\_r\_k L\_G\_ \_r\_d\_ \_t\_ T\_r\_n\_t\_, \_n\_d D\_b\_ \_t\_ K\_w\_ \_t w\_r\_ t\_h\_ b\_s\_ \_ s\_t n\_n - A\_s\_ \_ n\_r\_ \_t\_s.

O A G p\_r\_v\_d\_d m\_r\_ s\_t\_t\_s\_t\_c\_s \_n h\_w b\_s\_y t h\_ s\_k\_ \_s w\_r\_ \_n t\_h\_ y\_ \_r t\_ F\_b\_r\_ \_r\_y 2018. T\_h\_ b\_s\_ \_ s\_t r\_ \_t\_ \_f y\_ \_ c\_ \_n\_t t\_h\_ n\_m\_b\_r \_f p\_s\_s\_n\_g\_r\_s w\_s H\_n\_g K\_n\_g t\_ T\_ \_ p\_ \_ . M\_r\_ t\_h\_n 6.5 m\_l\_l\_ \_n p\_s\_s\_n\_g\_r\_s f\_l\_w b\_t w\_ \_n t\_h\_s\_ t\_w\_ c\_t\_ \_s. S\_n\_g\_p\_r\_-J\_k\_r\_t\_ w\_s s\_c\_n\_d, w\_t\_h 4.7 m\_l\_l\_ \_n; f\_l\_l\_w\_d b\_y S\_n\_g\_p\_r\_-K\_L, w\_t\_h j\_s\_t \_v\_r 4 m\_l\_l\_ \_n p\_s\_s\_n\_g\_r\_s. O A G \_l\_s\_ r\_p\_r\_t\_d \_n t\_h\_ b\_s\_ \_ s\_t d\_m\_s\_t\_c r\_ \_t\_s. T\_h\_ w\_r\_l\_d'\_s b\_s\_ \_ s\_t d\_m\_s\_t\_c \_ \_ r\_r\_ \_t\_s b\_t\_w\_ \_n S\_ \_ \_ l\_ \_n\_d t\_h\_ S\_ \_ t\_h K\_r\_ \_n \_s\_l\_n\_d \_f J\_j\_. I\_n 2017, 65,000 f\_l\_g\_h\_t\_s c\_v\_r\_d t\_h\_ r\_ \_t\_, w\_t\_h \_l\_m\_s\_t 180 f\_l\_g\_h\_t\_s p\_r\_d\_y - \_n\_ \_v\_r\_y s\_v\_n - \_n\_d - \_ h\_l\_f m\_n\_t\_s. T\_h\_ \_n\_l\_y l\_n\_g - h\_ \_ l\_ r\_ \_t\_ \_n t\_h\_ t\_p - 20 l\_s\_t \_s N\_w Y\_r\_k J\_F\_K t\_ L\_n\_d\_n H\_ \_ t\_h\_r\_w, w\_h\_c\_h h\_s \_r\_ \_n\_d 38 d\_ \_ l\_y f\_l\_g\_h\_t\_s.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. AIR ROUTES:** Make a poster about air routes. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. AIR TRAVEL:** Write a magazine article about reducing the number of flights air travel. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on air travel. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make it better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d    2. g    3. e    4. f    5. a    6. b    7. c  
8. j    9. l    10. n    11. i    12. h    13. k    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b T    c F    d F    e T    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. report        | a. study        |
| 2. international | b. global       |
| 3. exactly       | c. precisely    |
| 4. budget        | d. inexpensive  |
| 5. seeing        | e. experiencing |
| 6. statistics    | f. figures      |
| 7. passengers    | g. travellers   |
| 8. just          | h. slightly     |
| 9. domestic      | i. national     |
| 10. only         | j. sole         |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Air-travel
2. 30,537
3. Budget airlines
4. Seven
5. Dubai-Kuwait
6. Hong Kong to Taipei
7. Just over 4 million
8. Seoul-Jeju
9. Every seven-and-a-half minutes
10. 38

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A new report by the air travel company.
2. Exactly 30,537 flights flew between Singapore.
3. An average of 84 flights every day.
4. That's one flight every 17 minutes or so.
5. The top seven busiest international air routes.
6. More statistics on how busy the skies were.
7. The busiest route if you count the passengers.
8. Over 6.5 million passengers flew between these cities.
9. The world's busiest domestic air route is Seoul- Jeju.
10. The only long-haul route in the top-20 list.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. a    4. b    5. d    6. b    7. a    8. c    9. d    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)