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Airbus to end production of A380 airplane

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THE ARTICLE

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The airplane maker Airbus has announced plans to cease production of its A380 aircraft. The iconic A380 is the world's largest passenger airplane and has been in service for 12 years. When it was launched, it was heralded as the future of aviation. However, changes in the demands of passengers mean the days of giant, four-engine passenger planes are over. Airbus decided to call a halt to production of the 544-seat A380 due to weaker than expected sales. The nail in the coffin was when the Dubai-based Emirates Airline cut its A380 order by 39 planes. Airbus said it would stop building the A380 in 2021. This will result in significant job losses at companies linked to the plane's manufacture.

The A380 embarked on its inaugural flight in April 2005 to great fanfare. Then British Prime Minister Tony Blair called the giant jet a "symbol of economic strength". His Spanish counterpart called the plane "the realization of a dream". The plane was designed to combat congestion at airports by reducing the number of planes needed in the skies. However, booming air travel has generated a higher demand for twin-engine planes that can fly non-stop to where people want to travel. Giant, four-engine jets usually require passengers to transit at hub airports. An Emirates spokesperson said the A380 was a "passenger magnet" that was misunderstood and badly marketed by other airlines.

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WARM-UPS

1. PASSENGERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about passengers. 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?

airplane / plans / production / passenger / future / aviation / nails / sales / job losses
flight / fanfare / economic strength / dream / congestion / air travel / transit / magnet

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

3. AIR TRAVEL: Students A **strongly** believe air travel is the best way to travel; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. AIRPLANES: How can we make them better? Are there any problems with these ideas? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Improvements	Problems
Environment		
Fuel		
Seats		
Entertainment		
Routes		
Food		

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

6. TRAVEL: Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways of traveling at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- airplane
- bicycle
- car
- horse
- motorbike
- helicopter
- train
- Segway

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1. announced | a. Was a sign that (something) is about to happen. |
| 2. cease | b. A person or thing regarded as being a symbol of something (usually something great). |
| 3. iconic | c. Bring or come to an end; stop. |
| 4. launched | d. An action or event regarded as likely to have a very bad or destructive effect on a situation. |
| 5. heralded | e. Made a public and typically formal declaration about a fact. |
| 6. aviation | f. Started a business, product, campaign ,etc. for the first time. |
| 7. nail in the coffin | g. Anything about the science or practice of flight and flying. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. inaugural | h. Take action to reduce, destroy, or prevent something. |
| 9. fanfare | i. The effective center of an activity, region, or network. |
| 10. counterpart | j. So crowded with traffic or people as to hinder freedom of movement. |
| 11. combat | k. Great media attention or elaborate ceremony. |
| 12. congestion | l. A person or thing that has a powerful attraction. |
| 13. hub | m. Marking the beginning of an institution, activity, or period of office. |
| 14. magnet | n. A person or thing holding a position or performing a function that corresponds to that of another person or thing in another place. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190216-airbus-a380.html>

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

- a. The A380 airplane is the world's biggest passenger airplane. **T / F**
- b. The Airbus A380 has been flying for over 20 years. **T / F**
- c. Production of A380s is stopping because of falling demand. **T / F**
- d. Airbus will stop making the A380 in 2021. **T / F**
- e. There was a funfair next to the A380 when it first launched. **T / F**
- f. A Spanish leader suggested the A380 was like a dream come true. **T / F**
- g. There is a higher demand for 4-engine planes than twin-engine planes. **T / F**
- h. Airbus said ending the A380 will not result in job losses. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. announced | a. flight |
| 2. cease | b. strong |
| 3. aviation | c. serious |
| 4. expected | d. peer |
| 5. significant | e. stop |
| 6. inaugural | f. overcrowding |
| 7. counterpart | g. made public |
| 8. congestion | h. change |
| 9. booming | i. hoped for |
| 10. transit | j. first |

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

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. plans to cease production | a. aviation |
| 2. in service | b. stop |
| 3. heralded as the future of | c. expected sales |
| 4. due to weaker than | d. congestion at airports |
| 5. This will result in significant | e. of its A380 aircraft |
| 6. The A380 embarked on its | f. strength |
| 7. a symbol of economic | g. at hub airports |
| 8. The plane was designed to combat | h. job losses |
| 9. twin-engine planes that can fly non- | i. inaugural flight |
| 10. require passengers to transit | j. for 12 years |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190216-airbus-a380.html>

The airplane maker Airbus has announced plans to (1) _____ production of its A380 aircraft. The (2) _____ A380 is the world's largest passenger airplane and has been in service for 12 years. When it was launched, it was heralded as the future of (3) _____. However, changes in the demands of passengers mean the days of (4) _____, four-engine passenger planes are over. Airbus decided to call a halt to production of the 544-seat A380 due to weaker than expected (5) _____. The nail in the (6) _____ was when the Dubai-based Emirates Airline cut its A380 order by 39 planes. Airbus said it would stop building the A380 in 2021. This will (7) _____ in significant job losses at companies linked to the plane's (8) _____.

iconic
coffin
giant
manufacture
cease
result
aviation
sales

The A380 embarked on its (9) _____ flight in April 2005 to great fanfare. Then British Prime Minister Tony Blair called the giant jet a "(10) _____ of economic strength". His Spanish counterpart called the plane "the realization of a dream". The plane was designed to combat (11) _____ at airports by reducing the number of planes needed in the (12) _____. However, booming air travel has generated a higher demand for (13) _____-engine planes that can fly non-stop to where people want to travel. Giant, four-engine jets usually require passengers to transit at (14) _____ airports. An Emirates spokesperson said the A380 was a "passenger (15) _____" that was misunderstood and badly (16) _____ by other airlines.

congestion
twin
magnet
symbol
marketed
skies
inaugural
hub

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190216-airbus-a380.html>

- 1) The airplane maker Airbus has announced plans to _____
 - a. cease production
 - b. crease production
 - c. seize production
 - d. seas production
- 2) When it was launched, it was heralded as the future _____
 - a. of aviation
 - b. off aviation
 - c. of aviators
 - d. off aviating
- 3) call a halt to production of the 544-seat A380 due to weaker than _____
 - a. expectant sails
 - b. expecting sells
 - c. expected sales
 - d. expect it cells
- 4) The nail in the coffin was when the Dubai-based Emirates Airline cut _____
 - a. its A380 folder
 - b. its A380 border
 - c. its A380 hoarder
 - d. its A380 order
- 5) This will result in significant job losses at companies linked _____ manufacture
 - a. to a plane's
 - b. to their plane's
 - c. to this plane's
 - d. to the plane's
- 6) The A380 embarked on its inaugural flight in April 2005 _____
 - a. to greet fun fair
 - b. too great fan fair
 - c. to great fanfare
 - d. two grate fun fare
- 7) Prime Minister Tony Blair called the giant jet a "symbol of _____"
 - a. economically strength
 - b. economist strength
 - c. economics strength
 - d. economic strength
- 8) combat congestion at airports by reducing the number of planes needed _____
 - a. in them skies
 - b. in the skies
 - c. in their skies
 - d. in then skies
- 9) Giant, four-engine jets usually require passengers to _____ airports
 - a. transit at hub
 - b. transit at rub
 - c. transit at pub
 - d. transit at dub
- 10) the A380 was a "passenger magnet" that was misunderstood and _____
 - a. badly market it
 - b. badly mark it
 - c. badly mar kitted
 - d. badly marketed

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The A380 embarked on its inaugural flight in April 2005 (7) _____. Then British Prime Minister Tony Blair called the giant jet a "symbol of economic strength". His Spanish counterpart called the plane "the realization (8) _____". The plane was designed to combat congestion at airports (9) _____ number of planes needed in the skies. However, booming air travel has generated a higher demand for twin-engine planes that can (10) _____ where people want to travel. Giant, four-engine jets usually require passengers to (11) _____ airports. An Emirates spokesperson said the A380 was a "passenger magnet" that was misunderstood and badly marketed (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190216-airbus-a380.html>

1. How long has the A380 been in service?
2. What was the A380 believed to be the future of?
3. What days did the article say was over?
4. How many planes did Emirates cut its order by?
5. What will be lost because of the ending of the production of the A380?
6. When was the A380's inaugural flight?
7. What did Britain's former Prime Minister say the A380 was a symbol of?
8. What did the article say there was a higher demand for?
9. Where did the article say passengers were required to transit?
10. What did an Emirates spokesperson call the A380?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190216-airbus-a380.html>

- 1) How long has the A380 been in service?
 - a) 20 years
 - b) 15 years
 - c) 12 years
 - d) 22 years
- 2) What was the A380 believed to be the future of?
 - a) aviation
 - b) space travel
 - c) luxury
 - d) passengers
- 3) What days did the article say was over?
 - a) Tuesdays and Saturdays
 - b) flight
 - c) aviation
 - d) 4-engine planes
- 4) How many planes did Emirates cut its order by?
 - a) 390
 - b) 39
 - c) 93
 - d) 309
- 5) What will be lost because of the ending of the production of the A380?
 - a) routes
 - b) aviation
 - c) jobs
 - d) airports
- 6) When was the A380's inaugural flight?
 - a) August 1995
 - b) April 2005
 - c) August 2005
 - d) April 1995
- 7) What did Britain's former Prime Minister say the A380 was a symbol of?
 - a) the skies
 - b) Dubai
 - c) aviation
 - d) economic strength
- 8) What did the article say there was a higher demand for?
 - a) helicopters
 - b) twin-engine planes
 - c) aviation
 - d) the skies
- 9) Where did the article say passengers were required to transit?
 - a) hub airports
 - b) Dubai
 - c) the skies
 - d) London
- 10) What did an Emirates spokesperson call the A380?
 - a) the "star of the skies"
 - b) an "aviation miracle"
 - c) a "giant giant"
 - d) a "passenger magnet"

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Airplane

You think an airplane is the best way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bicycle, helicopter or horse.

Role B – Bicycle

You think a bicycle is the best way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): airplane, helicopter or horse.

Role C – Helicopter

You think a helicopter is the best way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bicycle, airplane or horse.

Role D – Horse

You think a horse is the best way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bicycle, helicopter or airplane.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190216-airbus-a380.html>

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

air	plane
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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">• cease• 12• over• sales• 39• losses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April• dream• skies• fly• usually• other
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AIRPLANES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190216-airbus-a380.html>

Write five GOOD questions about airplanes 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.

AIRPLANES 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 flying?
4. Is it better to fly in a small or giant airplane?
5. What are the best things about flying?
6. What are the worst things about flying?
7. How sad is it that Airbus will stop making this airplane?
8. Do you have a favourite airplane?
9. What will airplanes be like in the future?
10. What do you think of the name Airbus?

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AIRPLANES 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 'plane'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why did things go wrong for the Airbus A380?
15. How can we make airports better?
16. Are twin-engine or four-engine planes better?
17. How can airlines be more environmentally-friendly?
18. What do you think of long-haul flights?
19. Why do you think airlines misunderstood the A380?
20. What questions would you like to ask the boss of Airbus?

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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The A380 embarked on its inaugural (7) _____ in April 2005 to great fanfare. Then British Prime Minister Tony Blair called the giant jet a "symbol of economic (8) _____". His Spanish counterpart called the plane "the realization of a dream". The plane was designed to combat congestion at airports by (9) _____ the number of planes needed in the skies. However, booming air travel has generated a higher demand for twin-engine planes (10) _____ can fly non-stop to where people want to travel. Giant, four-engine jets (11) _____ require passengers to transit at hub airports. An Emirates spokesperson said the A380 was a "passenger magnet" that was misunderstood and badly marketed by (12) _____ airlines.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) ceased | (b) cease | (c) ceases | (d) ceasing |
| 2. | (a) survive | (b) service | (c) solace | (d) space |
| 3. | (a) liked | (b) linked | (c) lunched | (d) launched |
| 4. | (a) shout | (b) call | (c) scream | (d) whisper |
| 5. | (a) box | (b) coffin | (c) finger | (d) wall |
| 6. | (a) so | (b) at | (c) in | (d) by |
| 7. | (a) fly | (b) flyer | (c) flight | (d) flies |
| 8. | (a) strong | (b) strange | (c) strength | (d) string |
| 9. | (a) reduction | (b) reduces | (c) reduce | (d) reducing |
| 10. | (a) what | (b) them | (c) those | (d) that |
| 11. | (a) usually | (b) very | (c) so | (d) such |
| 12. | (a) another | (b) others | (c) other | (d) over |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. plans to caees production
2. The ocnici A380
3. the future of naiatvoi
4. energapss planes
5. weaker than pxcdeete sales
6. nisfagiticn job losses

Paragraph 2

7. a ymsblo of economic strength
8. designed to tbmcoa congestion
9. generated a higher dndame
10. twin-ninege planes
11. tintsra at hub airports
12. badly adtmeerk by other airlines

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190216-airbus-a380.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () launched, it was heralded as the future of aviation. However, changes in the demands of
- () magnet" that was misunderstood and badly marketed by other airlines.
- () building the A380 in 2021. This will result in significant job losses at companies linked to the plane's manufacture.
- () a halt to production of the 544-seat A380 due to weaker than expected sales. The nail
- () passengers mean the days of giant, four-engine passenger planes are over. Airbus decided to call
- () needed in the skies. However, booming air travel has generated a higher demand for twin-engine planes that can
- () of a dream". The plane was designed to combat congestion at airports by reducing the number of planes
- () fly non-stop to where people want to travel. Giant, four-engine jets usually require
- () passengers to transit at hub airports. An Emirates spokesperson said the A380 was a "passenger
- (**1**) The airplane maker Airbus has announced plans to cease production of its A380 aircraft. The iconic A380 is the world's
- () The A380 embarked on its inaugural flight in April 2005 to great fanfare. Then British Prime Minister Tony Blair called
- () the giant jet a "symbol of economic strength". His Spanish counterpart called the plane "the realization
- () in the coffin was when the Dubai-based Emirates Airline cut its A380 order by 39 planes. Airbus said it would stop
- () largest passenger airplane and has been in service for 12 years. When it was

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190216-airbus-a380.html>

1. to cease has Airbus announced plans production .
2. of was as the It heralded future aviation .
3. over . are days planes The passenger of giant
4. call to to production . Airbus a decided halt
5. job losses . significant in will This result
6. of symbol the called Blair strength . a jet
7. designed The congestion . plane was to combat
8. the skies . planes in Reducing number the of
9. where Fly to non-stop to want travel . people
10. transit . jets Four-engine passengers to usually require

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190216-airbus-a380.html>

The airplane *maker / marker* Airbus has announced plans to *case / cease* production of its A380 aircraft. The iconic A380 is the world's largest passenger airplane and has been *in / it* service for 12 years. When it was launched, it was heralded as the future *off / of* aviation. However, changes in the demands of passengers mean the days of *tiny / giant*, four-engine passenger planes are over. Airbus decided to *shout / call* a halt to production of the 544-seat A380 due to *weaker / weaken* than expected sales. The nail in the coffin was when the Dubai-based Emirates Airline cut its A380 *order / aid* by 39 planes. Airbus said it would stop building the A380 in 2021. This will result *on / in* significant job losses at companies *linked / liked* to the plane's manufacture.

The A380 embarked on its inaugural *fly / flight* in April 2005 to great fanfare. Then British Prime Minister Tony Blair *called / call* the giant jet a "symbol of economic strength". His Spanish *counterpart / country* called the plane "the realization of a *drum / dream*". The plane was designed to combat congestion at airports by *reduced / reducing* the number of planes needed in the *skies / spies*. However, booming air travel has generated a *height / higher* demand for twin-engine planes that can fly non-stop to *where / what* people want to travel. Giant, four-engine jets usually require passengers to transit at *shrub / hub* airports. An Emirates spokesperson said the A380 was a "passenger magnet" that was misunderstood and badly marketed by *another / other* airlines.

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)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190216-airbus-a380.html>

Th_ _ _ rpl_n_ m_k_r A_r b_s h_s _n n__ n c_d pl_n
s t_ c_ s_ pr_d ct__ n _f _ts A 3 8 0 _ _ r cr ft .
Th_ _c_n_c A 3 8 0 _s th_ w_r l d 's l_r g_s t p_s
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2 y__ r s . Wh_n _t w_s l__ n c h_d , _t w_s
h_r l d_d _s th_ f_t_r_ _f _v__ t__ n . H_w_v_r , c
h_n g_s _n th_ d_m_n d_s _f p_s s_n g_r s m__ n t
h_ d_y s _f g__ n t , f__ r -n g_n_ p_s s_n g_r p
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190216-airbus-a380.html>

the airplane maker airbus has announced plans to cease production of its a380 aircraft the iconic a380 is the worlds largest passenger airplane and has been in service for 12 years when it was launched it was heralded as the future of aviation however changes in the demands of passengers mean the days of giant four engine passenger planes are over airbus decided to call a halt to production of the 544seat a380 due to weaker than expected sales the nail in the coffin was when the dubai based emirates airline cut its a380 order by 39 planes airbus said it would stop building the a380 in 2021 this will result in significant job losses at companies linked to the planes manufacture

the a380 embarked on its inaugural flight in april 2005 to great fanfare then british prime minister tony blair called the giant jet a symbol of economic strength his spanish counterpart called the plane the realization of a dream the plane was designed to combat congestion at airports by reducing the number of planes needed in the skies however booming air travel has generated a higher demand for twin engine planes that can fly nonstop to where people want to travel giant four engine jets usually require passengers to transit at hub airports an emirates spokesperson said the a380 was a passenger magnet that was misunderstood and badly marketed by other airlines.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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. AIRPLANES: Make a poster about airplanes. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. GIANT JETS: Write a magazine article about a requirement for all airplanes to be bigger to help the environment. 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 airplanes. Ask him/her three questions about airplanes. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. announced | a. made public |
| 2. cease | b. stop |
| 3. aviation | c. flight |
| 4. expected | d. hoped for |
| 5. significant | e. serious |
| 6. inaugural | f. first |
| 7. counterpart | g. peer |
| 8. congestion | h. overcrowding |
| 9. booming | i. strong |
| 10. transit | j. change |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Twelve years
- Aviation
- Giant, four-engine passenger planes
- Thirty-nine
- Jobs
- April 2005
- Economic strength
- Twin-engine planes
- Hub airports
- A "passenger magnet"

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Airbus has announced plans to cease production.
- It was heralded as the future of aviation.
- The days of giant passenger planes are over.
- Airbus decided to call a halt to production.
- This will result in significant job losses.
- Blair called the jet a symbol of strength.
- The plane was designed to combat congestion.
- Reducing the number of planes in the skies.
- Fly non-stop to where people want to travel.
- Four-engine jets usually require passengers to transit.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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