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**Level 3 – 30th September, 2021**

## **Turtle's walk delays planes at Tokyo airport**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

There are many reasons for delays at airports. Sometimes it's bad weather, sometimes it's a technical problem, and other times it's a passenger who is late to the boarding gate. Narita Airport in Tokyo, Japan has added a new cause of flight delays - a turtle going for a walk. The runway at Narita had to close for 12 minutes because a 2.1-kilogram turtle was spotted on the tarmac. The pilot of an airplane waiting to take off told air traffic controllers about the small reptile at around 11:35am. There was an immediate search for it. This caused the delay of five flights. Airport staff managed to locate the creature. They safely removed it with a net. They reported that it was unharmed.

A Narita Airport spokesperson said she believed the turtle lived in a nearby pond. It managed to get under a fence alongside the airport and crawl onto the runway. The turtle might have decided to sunbathe because of the warm weather. It was a lot warmer than usual at the airport for the time of the year. Shortly after the turtle was caught, an A380 airplane took off from the runway. By coincidence, the A380 was painted in a turtle design. The plane was from the Japanese airline ANA. It was going to the island of Okinawa in the south of Japan. An ANA spokesperson said: "Turtles are seen as bringing good luck. We hope this turtle, who came to see the flight off, signals a bright future."

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<https://simpleflying.com/tokyo-tortoise-trouble/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. TURTLES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about turtles. 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?

delays / airports / bad weather / technical problems / flight delays / pilot / creature / turtle / pond / sunbathe / airplane / runway / coincidence / island / good luck / future

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

**3. AIRPORT SECURITY:** Students A **strongly** believe airports should increase their security so turtles can't get in; Students B **strongly** believe that's silly. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. REPTILES:** What do you know about these reptiles? How much do you like them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	How Much I Like Them
Turtles		
Komodo dragons		
Snakes		
Geckos		
Alligators		
Chameleons		

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

**6. AIRPORT DELAYS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the things that are most likely to cause flight delays at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Turtles
- Late passengers
- Security alerts
- Weather
- Technical problems
- Bird strikes
- Cabin cleaning
- Waiting for luggage

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| 1. delay             | a. The special airplane road inside an airport on which airplanes land and take off.                           |
| 2. technical problem | b. A traveller in a taxi or car, or on a bus, train, airplane, ship, etc., but NOT the driver, pilot, or crew. |
| 3. passenger         | c. A difficulty because something went wrong with a machine.   |
| 4. boarding gate     | d. Find.   |
| 5. runway            | e. A length of time by which something is late or postponed.   |
| 6. spotted           | f. The area of an airport where people sit and wait to get on the airplane.                                    |
| 7. locate            | g. Saw something that might have been difficult to see.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. pond         | h. A barrier around a park, house or building that keeps people and animals out.           |
| 9. fence        | i. Two things that strangely happen at the same time without being planned.                |
| 10. crawl       | j. Shows that something will happen.   |
| 11. sunbathe    | k. Move forward very slowly.   |
| 12. coincidence | l. A journey made through the air or in space by an airplane, helicopter, space ship, etc. |
| 13. flight      | m. Sit or lie in the sun, especially to get darker skin or to keep warm.                   |
| 14. signal      | n. A small area of water that is usually made by humans.                                   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

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

1. The article says there are a few things that cause airport delays. **T / F**
2. A turtle on the tarmac shut a runway at a Tokyo airport for 12 minutes. **T / F**
3. The turtle was spotted at 11:35 at night. **T / F**
4. The turtle caused the delay of five flights from the airport. **T / F**
5. The turtle had escaped from a cage in the baggage area. **T / F**
6. The turtle may have wanted to sunbathe on the runway. **T / F**
7. One of the delayed planes was painted in a turtle design. **T / F**
8. Turtles are seen as a sign of good luck. **T / F**

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

- |                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>reasons</b>      | a. neighbourhood  |
| 2. <b>technical</b>    | b. safe           |
| 3. <b>spotted</b>      | c. chance         |
| 4. <b>immediate</b>    | d. mechanical     |
| 5. <b>unharmed</b>     | e. indicates      |
| 6. <b>nearby</b>       | f. instant        |
| 7. <b>caught</b>       | g. causes         |
| 8. <b>coincidence</b>  | h. representative |
| 9. <b>spokesperson</b> | i. seen           |
| 10. <b>signals</b>     | j. captured       |

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

- |                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. There are many reasons        | a. bringing good luck          |
| 2. sometimes it's a technical    | b. to the boarding gate        |
| 3. a passenger who is late       | c. of five flights             |
| 4. air traffic                   | d. than usual                  |
| 5. This caused the delay         | e. fence alongside the airport |
| 6. she believed the turtle lived | f. for delays at airports      |
| 7. It managed to get under a     | g. in a turtle design          |
| 8. It was a lot warmer           | h. problem                     |
| 9. the A380 was painted          | i. in a nearby pond            |
| 10. Turtles are seen as          | j. controllers                 |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

There are many reasons for (1) \_\_\_\_\_ at airports. Sometimes it's bad weather, sometimes it's a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ problem, and other times it's a passenger who is late to the boarding gate. Narita Airport in Tokyo, Japan has added a new cause of (3) \_\_\_\_\_ delays - a turtle going for a walk. The runway at Narita had to close for 12 minutes because a 2.1-kilogram turtle was (4) \_\_\_\_\_ on the tarmac. The pilot of an airplane waiting to take off told (5) \_\_\_\_\_ traffic controllers about the small (6) \_\_\_\_\_ at around 11:35am. There was an immediate search for it. This caused the delay of five flights. Airport staff managed to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the creature. They safely removed it with a net. They reported that it was (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*flight*  
*locate*  
*delays*  
*air*  
*technical*  
*unharmed*  
*spotted*  
*reptile*

A Narita Airport spokesperson said she believed the turtle lived in a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ pond. It managed to get under a fence alongside the airport and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ onto the runway. The turtle might have decided to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ because of the warm weather. It was a lot warmer than usual at the airport for the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of the year. Shortly after the turtle was caught, an A380 airplane took off from the runway. By coincidence, the A380 was painted in a turtle (13) \_\_\_\_\_. The plane was from the Japanese airline ANA. It was going to the island of Okinawa in the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan. An ANA spokesperson said: "Turtles are seen as bringing good (15) \_\_\_\_\_. We hope this turtle, who came to see the flight off, signals a (16) \_\_\_\_\_ future."

*sunbathe*  
*south*  
*nearby*  
*luck*  
*design*  
*crawl*  
*bright*  
*time*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

- 1) and other times it's a passenger who is late to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the boarded gate
  - b. the bored din gate
  - c. the bore din gate
  - d. the boarding gate
- 2) Narita had to close for 12 minutes because a 2.1-kilogram turtle was spotted \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on a tarmac
  - b. on the tarmac
  - c. on them tarmac
  - d. in the tarmac
- 3) The pilot of an airplane waiting to take off told air traffic controllers about \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the snail reptile
  - b. the small reptile
  - c. these mall reptile
  - d. these small reptile
- 4) This caused the delay of five flights. Airport staff managed to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. locale the creature
  - b. low crate the creature
  - c. locate the creature
  - d. lock ate the creature
- 5) They safely removed it with a net. They reported that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. it was in harmed
  - b. it was harmed
  - c. it wasn't unharmed
  - d. it was unharmed
- 6) A Narita Airport spokesperson said she believed the turtle lived in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a nearby pond
  - b. a nearly pond
  - c. anew by pond
  - d. a newbie pond
- 7) crawl onto the runway. The turtle might have \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. decide it to sunbathe
  - b. decided to sunburn
  - c. decide it to sunburn
  - d. decided to sunbathe
- 8) It was going to the island of Okinawa in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. southern of Japan
  - b. south of Japan
  - c. southerly of Japan
  - d. southwardly of Japan
- 9) An ANA spokesperson said turtles are seen as \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. bringing goodly luck
  - b. bringing goodness luck
  - c. bringing goods luck
  - d. bringing good luck
- 10) We hope this turtle, who came to see the flight off, signals \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a bride future
  - b. a blight future
  - c. a brightly future
  - d. a bright future

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

There are many (1) \_\_\_\_\_ at airports. Sometimes it's bad weather, sometimes it's (2) \_\_\_\_\_, and other times it's a passenger who is late to the boarding gate. Narita Airport in Tokyo, Japan has added (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of flight delays - a turtle going for a walk. The runway at Narita had to close for 12 minutes because a 2.1-kilogram turtle (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the tarmac. The pilot of an airplane waiting to take off told air traffic controllers about the small reptile at around 11:35am. There was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for it. This caused the delay of five flights. Airport staff managed to locate the creature. They (6) \_\_\_\_\_ with a net. They reported that it was unharmed.

A Narita Airport spokesperson said she believed the turtle lived (7) \_\_\_\_\_ pond. It managed to get under a fence alongside the airport and crawl onto the runway. The turtle might have (8) \_\_\_\_\_ because of the warm weather. It was a lot warmer than usual at the airport for the time of the year. Shortly after the turtle was caught, an A380 airplane (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the runway. By coincidence, the A380 was painted in (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The plane was from the Japanese airline ANA. It was going to the island of Okinawa in the south of Japan. An ANA spokesperson said: "Turtles are seen as (11) \_\_\_\_\_. We hope this turtle, who came to see the flight off, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ future."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

1. What kind of problems does the article say might cause airport delays?
2. For how long did the turtle close the airport?
3. Who told air traffic controllers about the turtle?
4. How many flights did the walking turtle delay?
5. What did airport staff use to capture the turtle?
6. Where did a spokesperson say the turtle lived?
7. How was the weather at the airport?
8. What design did an A380 plane have?
9. Where was the A380 plane headed?
10. What are turtles seen as bringing?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

- 1) What kind of problems does the article say might cause airport delays?
  - a) security issues
  - b) technical problems
  - c) late food delivery
  - d) fuel problems
- 2) For how long did the turtle close the airport?
  - a) 15 minutes
  - b) 20 minutes
  - c) 11 minutes
  - d) 12 minutes
- 3) Who told air traffic controllers about the turtle?
  - a) a cabin attendant
  - b) a passenger
  - c) a pilot
  - d) a turtle lover
- 4) How many flights did the walking turtle delay?
  - a) 5
  - b) 6
  - c) 7
  - d) 8
- 5) What did airport staff use to capture the turtle?
  - a) a cage
  - b) a net
  - c) a piece of lettuce
  - d) a robot
- 6) Where did a spokesperson say the turtle lived?
  - a) in a nearby pond
  - b) in the departure lounge
  - c) in the Amazon
  - d) in the mountains
- 7) How was the weather at the airport?
  - a) windy
  - b) tropical
  - c) warm
  - d) chilly
- 8) What design did an A380 plane have?
  - a) a turtle design
  - b) a new design
  - c) an island design
  - d) a cloud design
- 9) Where was the A380 plane headed?
  - a) New York
  - b) Thailand
  - c) Hawaii
  - d) a Japanese island
- 10) What are turtles seen as bringing?
  - a) carrots
  - b) peace
  - c) good luck
  - d) problems

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

## **Role A – A Walking Turtle**

You think a walking turtle is the most annoying reason for a flight delay. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their reasons aren't as annoying. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): a late passenger, a security alert or bad weather.

## **Role B – A Late Passenger**

You think a late passenger is the most annoying reason for a flight delay. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their reasons aren't as annoying. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): a walking turtle, a security alert or bad weather.

## **Role C – A Security Alert**

You think a security alert is the most annoying reason for a flight delay. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their reasons aren't as annoying. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): a late passenger, a walking turtle or bad weather.

## **Role D – Bad Weather**

You think bad weather is the most annoying reason for a flight delay. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their reasons aren't as annoying. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): a late passenger, a security alert or a walking turtle.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

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

plane	airport

- 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>• many</li><li>• late</li><li>• close</li><li>• pilot</li><li>• search</li><li>• net</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• pond</li><li>• decided</li><li>• usual</li><li>• painted</li><li>• south</li><li>• hope</li></ul>
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# TURTLES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

Write five GOOD questions about turtles 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.

# TURTLES 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 'plane'?
3. What do you think of turtles?
4. Have you ever been delayed?
5. What do you think of airports?
6. Have you ever experienced technical problems?
7. What do you think of turtles going for a walk?
8. Should airports introduce anti-turtle security?
9. How do you feel when you are delayed?
10. What damage could the turtle have caused?

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# TURTLES 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 'airport'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about turtles?
15. Why do turtles like to sunbathe?
16. What do you think of the coincidence mentioned in this news?
17. What was the last coincidence you experienced?
18. Why are turtles seen as bringing good luck?
19. Do you think you will have a bright future?
20. What questions would you like to ask the 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

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

- |     |              |              |                |               |
|-----|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) on       | (b) at       | (c) for        | (d) to        |
| 2.  | (a) boarding | (b) boarded  | (c) boarder    | (d) board     |
| 3.  | (a) for      | (b) by       | (c) in         | (d) exercise  |
| 4.  | (a) spotted  | (b) dotted   | (c) specked    | (d) blemished |
| 5.  | (a) spoke    | (b) told     | (c) said       | (d) voiced    |
| 6.  | (a) locating | (b) location | (c) locater    | (d) locate    |
| 7.  | (a) nearly   | (b) nearing  | (c) nearby     | (d) nears     |
| 8.  | (a) sides    | (b) longing  | (c) side       | (d) alongside |
| 9.  | (a) Shortly  | (b) Shorts   | (c) Shorten    | (d) Short     |
| 10. | (a) On       | (b) By       | (c) At         | (d) Of        |
| 11. | (a) southern | (b) south    | (c) southwards | (d) southerly |
| 12. | (a) brighten | (b) brightly | (c) bright     | (d) blight    |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. There are many reasons for ealdsy
2. sometimes it's a athliccen problem
3. spotted on the cartam
4. air atfrcif controllers
5. There was an teaimidem search
6. They safely eevrdom it with a net

## Paragraph 2

7. the turtle lived in a yraneb pond
8. get under a cfene
9. unhtabes because of the warm weather
10. Shortly after the turtle was ugcath
11. By cencdioncei, the A380 was painted in a turtle design
12. signals a btgihr future

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

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

- ( ) cause of flight delays - a turtle going for a walk. The runway at Narita had to close for
- ( ) after the turtle was caught, an A380 airplane took off from the runway. By coincidence, the A380 was painted in a turtle
- ( ) the warm weather. It was a lot warmer than usual at the airport for the time of the year. Shortly
- ( ) off told air traffic controllers about the small reptile at around 11:35am. There was an immediate
- ( ) the creature. They safely removed it with a net. They reported that it was unharmed.
- ( ) search for it. This caused the delay of five flights. Airport staff managed to locate
- ( ) in the south of Japan. An ANA spokesperson said: "Turtles are seen as bringing good
- ( ) design. The plane was from the Japanese airline ANA. It was going to the island of Okinawa
- ( ) A Narita Airport spokesperson said she believed the turtle lived in a nearby pond. It managed to get under a
- ( ) fence alongside the airport and crawl onto the runway. The turtle might have decided to sunbathe because of
- ( ) problem, and other times it's a passenger who is late to the boarding gate. Narita Airport in Tokyo, Japan has added a new
- ( **1** ) There are many reasons for delays at airports. Sometimes it's bad weather, sometimes it's a technical
- ( ) 12 minutes because a 2.1-kilogram turtle was spotted on the tarmac. The pilot of an airplane waiting to take
- ( ) luck. We hope this turtle, who came to see the flight off, signals a bright future."

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

1. reasons delays are for There at airports . many
2. to gate . boarding late Passengers who the are
3. 2.1-kilogram the on was turtle spotted A tarmac .
4. caused flights . of delay This the five
5. They safely with it net . removed a
6. She pond . nearby lived believed in it a
7. have to The decided might sunbathe . turtle
8. usual than warmer airport . lot at A the
9. Japanese plane The airline the was from ANA .
10. as are Turtles bringing good luck . seen

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle.html>

There are many reasons for *delay / delays* at airports. Sometimes it's bad weather, sometimes it's a technical problem, and *another / other* times it's a passenger who is late to the boarding *fence / gate*. Narita Airport in Tokyo, Japan has added a new *case / cause* of flight delays - a turtle going for a walk. The *runaway / runway* at Narita had to close for 12 minutes because a 2.1-kilogram turtle was *spotted / spotty* on the tarmac. The pilot of an airplane waiting to take *on / off* told air traffic controllers about the small reptile *on / at* around 11:35am. There was an *immediately / immediate* search for it. This caused the delay of five flights. Airport staff managed to locate the creature. They *safely removed / removal* it with a net. They reported that it was unharmed.

A Narita Airport spokesperson said she *belief / believed* the turtle lived in a nearby pond. It managed to get under a fence *alongside / side* the airport and crawl onto the runway. The turtle might have *decided / decision* to sunbathe because of the *warmth / warm* weather. It was a lot warmer than usual at the airport for the time of the year. *Shortly / Short* after the turtle was caught, an A380 airplane took off from the runway. By *confidence / coincidence*, the A380 was painted in a turtle *designer / design*. The plane was from the Japanese airline ANA. It was going to the island of Okinawa in the *south / southern* of Japan. An ANA spokesperson said: "Turtles are seen as bringing good *lucky / luck*. We hope this turtle, who came to see the flight off, signals a *blight / bright* future."

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# 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. TURTLES:** Make a poster about turtles. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. AIRPORT SECURITY:** Write a magazine article about airports increasing security to stop turtles getting on the runway. 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 turtles. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on turtles. 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. n    9. h    10. k    11. m    12. i    13. l    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 T    3 F    4 T    5 F    6 T    7 T    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Technical problems
2. Twelve minutes
3. A pilot
4. Five
5. A net
6. In a nearby pond
7. Warmer than usual
8. A turtle design
9. Okinawa
10. Good luck

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. There are many reasons for delays at airports.
2. Passengers who are late to the boarding gate.
3. A 2.1-kilogram turtle was spotted on the tarmac.
4. This caused the delay of five flights.
5. They safely removed it with a net.
6. She believed it lived in a nearby pond.
7. The turtle might have decided to sunbathe.
8. A lot warmer than usual at the airport.
9. The plane was from the Japanese airline ANA.
10. Turtles are seen as bringing good luck.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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