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Airplane pilots fall asleep instead of landing

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THE ARTICLE

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Two pilots fell asleep on the job during one of the most crucial parts of their flight. The pair were in charge of a Boeing 737 that was travelling from Khartoum, Sudan to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. The airliner was at its cruising altitude of 37,000 feet (11,278 metres) and was due to begin its descent to Addis Ababa Bole Airport. Air traffic controllers at the airport were shocked when their flight radar showed the plane had overshoot its destination. The pilots woke up after the autopilot disconnected and the alarm sounded. They quickly did a loop of the skies above the airport and successfully landed the plane. None of the concerned crew or passengers on board were hurt.

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<https://nypost.com/2022/08/19/pilots-on-ethiopian-airlines-flight-fall-asleep-miss-landing/>

WARM-UPS

1. BEING ASLEEP: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about being asleep. 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?

pilots / asleep / crucial / flight / altitude / air traffic control / radar / alarm / crew /
airline / communication / investigation / safety / priority / aviation / fatigue / threat

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

3. SLEEPY TEST: Students A **strongly** believe pilots should be tested for sleepiness before they fly; Students B **strongly** believe this isn't necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations

4. FALLING ASLEEP: How bad is it for these people to fall asleep? What would you do? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Bad	What You Would Do
Pilot		
English teacher		
Security guard		
Bank clerk		
Air traffic controller		
Surgeon		

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

6. SLEEP: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that send you to sleep the quickest at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- University lectures
- Reading English books
- Exercise
- Sitting on a train
- Overeating
- Boredom
- Screen time
- Relaxing music

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. crucial | a. A shape produced by a curve that bends round and crosses itself. |
| 2. altitude | b. The height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level. |
| 3. descent | c. The place to which someone or something is going or being sent. |
| 4. destination | d. Being really, really important in the success or failure of something. |
| 5. autopilot | e. A group of people who work on and operate a ship, aircraft, etc. |
| 6. loop | f. An act of moving downwards. |
| 7. crew | g. A device for keeping an aircraft on a set course without the use of people. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. incident | h. Awaiting decision or settlement. |
| 9. indicate | i. For a limited period of time; not permanently. |
| 10. temporarily | j. The fact or condition of being regarded or treated as more important than others. |
| 11. pending | k. A case of something happening; an event or occurrence. |
| 12. appropriate | l. Point out; show. |
| 13. priority | m. Extreme tiredness resulting from mental or physical exertion or illness. |
| 14. fatigue | n. Suitable or proper in the circumstances. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220822-pilots-asleep-on-the-job.html>

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

1. Two pilots fell asleep seconds before their plane landed. **T / F**
2. The pilots were flying a Boeing 737 from Sudan to Ethiopia. **T / F**
3. Air traffic controllers guided the plane to land safely. **T / F**
4. Several crew members were hurt during the eventual landing. **T / F**
5. The airline said the plane lost communication with air traffic controllers. **T / F**
6. The two pilots are now under investigation. **T / F**
7. The airline said pilot training was its first priority. **T / F**
8. An expert said pilot fatigue was a big threat to air safety. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. fell asleep | a. reinstated |
| 2. crucial | b. height |
| 3. altitude | c. injured |
| 4. destination | d. shows |
| 5. hurt | e. important |
| 6. indicates | f. prime concern |
| 7. restored | g. awaiting |
| 8. pending | h. nodded off |
| 9. priority | i. constitute |
| 10. pose | j. landing place |

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

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. during one of the most crucial | a. of pilot fatigue |
| 2. The airliner was at its cruising | b. on board were hurt |
| 3. the autopilot disconnected and the alarm | c. priority |
| 4. They quickly did a loop of the | d. altitude of 37,000 feet |
| 5. None of the concerned crew or passengers | e. of the investigation |
| 6. pending further | f. skies above the airport |
| 7. action will be taken based on the outcome | g. significant threats |
| 8. continue to be our first | h. investigation |
| 9. might have been the result | i. parts of their flight |
| 10. pose one of the most | j. sounded |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220822-pilots-asleep-on-the-job.html>

Two pilots fell asleep on the (1) _____ during one of the most crucial parts of their flight. The pair were in (2) _____ of a Boeing 737 that was travelling from Khartoum, Sudan to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. The airliner was at its (3) _____ altitude of 37,000 feet (11,278 metres) and was due to begin its (4) _____ to Addis Ababa Bole Airport. Air traffic controllers at the airport were shocked when their flight (5) _____ showed the plane had overshot its destination. The pilots woke up after the autopilot disconnected and the alarm (6) _____. They quickly did a loop of the (7) _____ above the airport and successfully landed the plane. None of the concerned crew or passengers on (8) _____ were hurt.

radar
charge
descent
job
skies
board
cruising
sounded

An airline spokesperson made a (9) _____ about the incident. She said: "We have received a report which indicates the Ethiopian (10) _____...temporarily lost communication with air traffic control....The flight later (11) _____ safely after communication was restored." The airline said the pilots "have been removed from operation (12) _____ further investigation". It added: "Appropriate corrective action will be taken based on the (13) _____ of the investigation. Safety has always been and will continue to be our first (14) _____." An aviation analyst said the incident might have been the result of pilot (15) _____. He said this was "nothing new, and continues to (16) _____ one of the most significant threats to air safety".

landed
outcome
statement
fatigue
pending
pose
flight
priority

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220822-pilots-asleep-on-the-job.html>

- 1) Two pilots fell asleep on the job during one of the _____
 - a. most cruciate parts
 - b. most crew shall parts
 - c. most crucial parts
 - d. most crews all parts
- 2) Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. The airliner was at _____
 - a. its cruiser altitude
 - b. its cruising altitude
 - c. its cruise in altitude
 - d. its crew zing altitude
- 3) shocked when their flight radar showed the plane had _____
 - a. overshot that's destination
 - b. overshot this destination
 - c. overshot its destination
 - d. overshot it destination
- 4) The pilots woke up after the autopilot disconnected and _____
 - a. the alarm sounded
 - b. the alarm rounded
 - c. the alarm grounded
 - d. the alarm scoundrel
- 5) None of the concerned crew or passengers on _____
 - a. bard were hurt
 - b. braid were hurt
 - c. beard were hurt
 - d. board were hurt
- 6) An airline spokesperson made a statement _____
 - a. about the incident
 - b. about the incidence
 - c. about the accident
 - d. about the coincidence
- 7) The flight later landed safely after _____
 - a. communications was restored
 - b. communication was stored
 - c. communication was restored
 - d. communication was rest aired
- 8) Safety has always been and will continue to be _____
 - a. our fast priority
 - b. our thirst priority
 - c. our thrust priority
 - d. our first priority
- 9) An aviation analyst said the incident might have been the result _____
 - a. off-pilot fatigue
 - b. of pilot fatigue
 - c. of pilot fatigues
 - d. off pilot fatigued
- 10) and continues to pose one of the most significant threats _____
 - a. too air safety
 - b. two air safety
 - c. thru air safety
 - d. to air safety

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220822-pilots-asleep-on-the-job.html>

1. What plane were the pilots flying?
2. What was the cruising altitude of the flight?
3. What showed the plane had overshot its destination?
4. What eventually woke the pilots up?
5. Who was not hurt during the landing?
6. What did the airline say was temporarily lost?
7. What have the pilots been removed from?
8. What might happen to the pilots based on an investigation?
9. What did the airline say was its first priority?
10. What did an analyst say posed a threat to air safety?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220822-pilots-asleep-on-the-job.html>

- 1) What plane were the pilots flying?
 - a) a Boeing 747
 - b) a Boeing 777
 - c) a Boeing 737
 - d) a Boeing 787
- 2) What was the cruising altitude of the flight?
 - a) 37,000 feet
 - b) 38,000 feet
 - c) 31,000 feet
 - d) 36,000 feet
- 3) What showed the plane had overshot its destination?
 - a) the Internet
 - b) flight radar
 - c) chemtrails
 - d) a flight tracking group
- 4) What eventually woke the pilots up?
 - a) turbulence
 - b) a passenger
 - c) a knock on the door
 - d) the alarm
- 5) Who was not hurt during the landing?
 - a) the pilot
 - b) the ground staff
 - c) the crew or passengers
 - d) air traffic controllers
- 6) What did the airline say was temporarily lost?
 - a) the airplane
 - b) communication
 - c) the joystick
 - d) cabin pressure
- 7) What have the pilots been removed from?
 - a) the company
 - b) the airplane
 - c) a flying association
 - d) operations
- 8) What might happen to the pilots based on an investigation?
 - a) imprisonment
 - b) corrective action
 - c) a fine
 - d) loss of their flying license
- 9) What did the airline say was its first priority?
 - a) pilot training
 - b) safety
 - c) passengers
 - d) profits
- 10) What did an analyst say posed a threat to air safety?
 - a) pilot fatigue
 - b) space debris
 - c) global warming
 - d) the fuel crisis

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Overeating

You think overeating is the thing that can make us sleep quickest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as sleep-inducing. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to make us sleep (and why): boredom, English grammar or exercise.

Role B – Boredom

You think boredom is the thing that can make us sleep quickest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as sleep-inducing. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to make us sleep (and why): overeating, English grammar or exercise.

Role C – English Grammar

You think English grammar is the thing that can make us sleep quickest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as sleep-inducing. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to make us sleep (and why): boredom, overeating or exercise.

Role D – Exercise

You think exercise is the thing that can make us sleep quickest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as sleep-inducing. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to make us sleep (and why): boredom, English grammar or overeating.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220822-pilots-asleep-on-the-job.html>

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

pilots	asleep
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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">• parts• cruising• due• shocked• woke• crew	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• statement• lost• later• based• result• safety
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BEING ASLEEP SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220822-pilots-asleep-on-the-job.html>

Write five GOOD questions about being asleep 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.

BEING ASLEEP 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 'pilot'?
3. What do you think of pilots?
4. How difficult is the job of a pilot?
5. What do you think of flying?
6. How would you feel if your pilots fell asleep?
7. How safe is flying?
8. Have you ever fallen asleep on the job?
9. What do you think of autopilot systems?
10. What advice do you have for the pilots?

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BEING ASLEEP 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 'asleep'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What should happen to the two pilots?
15. How can airlines make sure pilots do not fall asleep?
16. How important is sleep?
17. What do you do to keep awake when you are really tired?
18. How often are you fatigued?
19. What other threats are there to air safety?
20. What questions would you like to ask the pilots?

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) in | (b) on | (c) up | (d) as |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) during | (d) while |
| 3. | (a) rising | (b) crushing | (c) bruising | (d) cruising |
| 4. | (a) ascent | (b) descent | (c) recent | (d) dissent |
| 5. | (a) overtaken | (b) overshot | (c) overdone | (d) overheard |
| 6. | (a) scoop | (b) hoop | (c) loop | (d) poop |
| 7. | (a) infiltrates | (b) inculcates | (c) indicates | (d) instigates |
| 8. | (a) stocked | (b) stacked | (c) restored | (d) rested |
| 9. | (a) rending | (b) sending | (c) ending | (d) pending |
| 10. | (a) outcome | (b) income | (c) welcome | (d) overcome |
| 11. | (a) aviation | (b) ovation | (c) ovulation | (d) evacuation |
| 12. | (a) dose | (b) hose | (c) pose | (d) lose |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. one of the most rualicc parts
2. at its cruising etailudt of 37,000 feet
3. due to begin its secdtne
4. the plane had overshot its toeaitnsdin
5. the iatptloou disconnected
6. crew or spgeraesns on board

Paragraph 2

7. the Ethiopian flight ltriaormepy lost communication
8. pending further nvotaigintsei
9. continue to be our first iiyortpr
10. An oiaaitnv analyst
11. the result of pilot atuegfi
12. one of the most aigtcnisnf threats

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220822-pilots-asleep-on-the-job.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () controllers at the airport were shocked when their flight radar showed the plane had overshot its
- () sounded. They quickly did a loop of the skies above the airport and successfully
- (**1**) Two pilots fell asleep on the job during one of the most crucial parts of their flight. The pair were in
- () altitude of 37,000 feet (11,278 metres) and was due to begin its descent to Addis Ababa Bole Airport. Air traffic
- () further investigation". It added: "Appropriate corrective action will be taken based on the
- () landed the plane. None of the concerned crew or passengers on board were hurt.
- () charge of a Boeing 737 that was travelling from Khartoum, Sudan to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. The airliner was at its cruising
- () destination. The pilots woke up after the autopilot disconnected and the alarm
- () An airline spokesperson made a statement about the incident. She said: "We have received a
- () new, and continues to pose one of the most significant threats to air safety".
- () analyst said the incident might have been the result of pilot fatigue. He said this was "nothing
- () outcome of the investigation. Safety has always been and will continue to be our first priority." An aviation
- () report which indicates the Ethiopian flight...temporarily lost communication with air traffic control....The flight later landed safely
- () after communication was restored." The airline said the pilots "have been removed from operation pending

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. airline pilots job . Two the on fell asleep
2. controllers at were the shocked . Air airport traffic
3. destination . showed overshoot had the plane its Radar
4. disconnected . pilots autopilot the woke after The up
5. loop quickly did skies . They a the of
6. traffic lost control . with It communication air temporarily
7. safely was The landed communication restored . after flight
8. further operation removed were investigation . Pilots from pending
9. result The of fatigue . incident the might be
10. significant threats . It the most one of poses

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220822-pilots-asleep-on-the-job.html>

Two pilots fell asleep *on / in* the job during one of the most crucial parts of their flight. The pair were *on / in* charge of a Boeing 737 that was travelling from Khartoum, Sudan to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. The airliner was at its *cruising / cruised* altitude of 37,000 feet (11,278 metres) and was due *at / to* begin its *ascent / descent* to Addis Ababa Bole Airport. Air traffic controllers at the airport were shocked when their *flying / flight* radar showed the plane had *overshot / overtaken* its destination. The pilots woke up after the autopilot disconnected and the alarm *voiced / sounded*. They quickly did a *lap / loop* of the skies above the airport and successfully landed the plane. None of the *concerned / cornered* crew or passengers on board were hurt.

An airline spokesperson made a statement about the *incidence / incident*. She said: "We have received a report which *indicates / inculcates* the Ethiopian flight...temporarily lost *community / communication* with air traffic control....The flight later landed safely after communication was *restored / reassured*." The airline said the pilots "have been removed from operation *spending / pending* further investigation". It added: "Appropriate corrective action will be taken *biased / based* on the outcome of the investigation. *Safety / Safely* has always been and will continue to be our first *prioritize / priority*." An aviation analyst said the incident might have been the result of */ at* pilot fatigue. He said this was "nothing new, and continues to *suppose / pose* one of the most significant threats to air safety".

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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Tw_ p_l_ts f_ll _sl__p _n th_ j_b d_r_ng _n_ _f th_ m_st cr_c__l p_rts _f th__r fl_gh_t. Th_ p__r w_r_ _n ch_rg_ _f _ B__ng 737 th_t w_s tr_v_ll_ng fr_m Kh_rt__m, S_d_n t_ _dd_s _b_b_ _n _th__p___. Th_ __rl_n_r w_s _t _ts cr__s_ng _lt_t_d_ _f 37,000 f__t (11,278 m_tr_s) _nd w_s d__ t_ b_g_n _ts d_sc_nt t_ _dd_s _b_b_ B_l_ __rp_rt. __r tr_ff_c c_ntr_ll_rs _t th_ __rp_rt w_r_ sh_ck_d wh_n th__r fl_gh_t r_d_r sh_w_d th_ pl_n_ h_d _v_rsh_t _ts d_st_n_t__n. Th_ p_l_ts w_k_ _p _ft_r th_ __t_p_l_t d_sc_nn_ct_d _nd th_ _l_rm s__nd_d. Th_y q__ckly d_d _ l__p _f th_ sk__s _b_v_ th_ __rp_rt _nd s_cc_ssf_lly l_nd_d th_ pl_n_. N_n_ _f th_ c_nc_rn_d cr_w _r p_ss_ng_rs _n b__rd w_r_ h_rt.

_n __rl_n_ sp_k_sp_rs_n m_d_ _ st_t_m_nt _b__t th_ _nc_d_nt. Sh_ s__d: "W_ h_v_ r_c__v_d _ r_p_rt wh_ch _nd_c_t_s th_ _th__p__n fl_gh_t...t_m_p_r_r_ly l_st c_mm_n_c_t__n w_th __r tr_ff_c c_ntr_l....Th_ fl_gh_t l_t_r l_nd_d s_f_ly _ft_r c_mm_n_c_t__n w_s r_st_r_d." Th_ __rl_n_ s__d th_ p_l_ts "h_v_ b__n r_m_v_d fr_m _p_r_t__n p_nd_ng f_rth_r _nv_st_g_t__n". _t _dd_d: "_ppr_pr__t_ c_rr_ct_v_ _ct__n w_ll b_ t_k_n b_s_d _n th_ __tc_m_ _f th_ _nv_st_g_t__n. S_f_ty h_s _lw_ys b__n _nd w_ll c_nt_n__ t_ b_ __r f_rst pr__r_ty." _n _v__t__n _n_lyst s__d th_ _nc_d_nt m_gh_t h_v_ b__n th_ r_s_lt _f p_l_t f_t_g___. H_ s__d th_s w_s "n_th_ng n_w, _nd c_nt_n__s t_ p_s_ _n_ _f th_ m_st s_gn_f_c_nt thr__ts t_ __r s_f_ty".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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an airline spokesperson made a statement about the incident she said we have received a report which indicates the ethiopian flight temporarily lost communication with air traffic control the flight later landed safely after communication was restored the airline said the pilots have been removed from operation pending further investigation it added appropriate corrective action will be taken based on the outcome of the investigation safety has always been and will continue to be our first priority an aviation analyst said the incident might have been the result of pilot fatigue he said this was nothing new and continues to pose one of the most significant threats to air safety

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Two pilots fell asleep on the job during one of the most crucial parts of their flight. The pair were in charge of a Boeing 737 that was travelling from Khartoum, Sudan to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. The airliner was at its cruising altitude of 37,000 feet (11,278 metres) and was due to begin its descent to Addis Ababa Bole Airport. Air traffic controllers at the airport were shocked when their flight radar showed the plane had overshot its destination. The pilots woke up after the autopilot disconnected and the alarms sounded. They quickly did a loop of the skies above the airport and successfully landed the plane. None of the concerned crew or passengers on board were hurt. An airline spokesperson made a statement about the incident. She said: "We have received a report which indicates the Ethiopian flight... temporarily lost communication with air traffic control.... The flight later landed safely after communication was restored." The airline said the pilots "have been removed from operation pending further investigation". It added: "Appropriate corrective action will be taken based on the outcome of the investigation. Safety has always been and will continue to be our first priority." A aviation analyst said the incident might have been the result of pilot fatigue. He said this was "nothing new, and continues to pose one of the most significant threats to air safety".

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. BEING ASLEEP: Make a poster about being asleep. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TESTING: Write a magazine article about airplane pilots, taxi drivers, ships' captains, etc. being tested for sleepiness before they start work. 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 being asleep. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to stay awake while at work. 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. b 3. f 4. c 5. g 6. a 7. e
8. k 9. l 10. i 11. h 12. n 13. j 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A Boeing 737
2. 37,000 feet
3. Flight radar
4. The alarm
5. The crew or passengers
6. Communication
7. Operations
8. Corrective action
9. Safety
10. Pilot fatigue

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Two airline pilots fell asleep on the job.
2. Air traffic controllers at the airport were shocked.
3. Radar showed the plane had overshot its destination.
4. The pilots woke up after the autopilot disconnected.
5. They quickly did a loop of the skies.
6. It temporarily lost communication with air traffic control.
7. The flight landed safely after communication was restored.
8. Pilots were removed from operation pending further investigation.
9. The incident might be the result of fatigue.
10. It poses one of the most significant threats.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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