

## Stowaway found on New York to Paris flight

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A woman was found hiding on an airplane from New York to Paris. She flew as a stowaway - a person who gets onto a plane without paying. She secretly got onto the plane without airport staff seeing her. The woman had a Russian passport and was

around 60 years old. She boarded the Delta Air Lines aircraft at JFK International Airport in New York. She managed to get past many security checks to board the plane. She had no boarding pass. Police say she hid in the plane's toilets throughout the seven-hour flight. She was discovered when a flight attendant noticed the woman was making frequent, long trips to different toilets on the airplane.

The woman is now being held by police in Paris. Airline officials tried to fly her back to New York on Saturday. However, she caused a disturbance while the plane was on the runway waiting to take off. A man who sat near her on the plane as it waited to depart from Paris spoke to CNN. He said the woman looked very worried. He said she kept repeating: "I do not want to go back to the USA. Only a judge can make me go back." Investigators are currently looking into how she got on the plane in New York. A Delta spokesperson said: "Nothing is of greater importance than matters of safety and security." He said the airline would work hard to find out what happened.

Sources: [cnn.com](http://cnn.com) / [cbsnews.com](http://cbsnews.com) / [usatoday.com](http://usatoday.com)

### Writing

Security at airports, and railway and bus stations should increase security. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

airplane / New York / Paris / airport / passport / security checks / flight attendant / flight / police / disturbance / runway / judge / safety / investigators / work hard

### True / False

- 1) A stowaway was found on a flight to New York. T / F
- 2) The stowaway paid less than half price for her ticket. T / F
- 3) The stowaway did not have a boarding pass. T / F
- 4) The stowaway spent the whole flight in a toilet. T / F
- 5) The woman was put on a flight back to New York. T / F
- 6) The woman created a disturbance and was removed from the flight. T / F
- 7) The woman said only a judge could make her return to the USA. T / F
- 8) Delta said safety and security was the most important thing for them. T / F

### Synonym Match

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

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <b>secretly</b>     | a. executives       |
| 2. <b>boarded</b>      | b. endless          |
| 3. <b>checks</b>       | c. leave            |
| 4. <b>throughout</b>   | d. investigating    |
| 5. <b>frequent</b>     | e. got on           |
| 6. <b>officials</b>    | f. for the whole of |
| 7. <b>disturbance</b>  | g. value            |
| 8. <b>depart</b>       | h. under cover      |
| 9. <b>looking into</b> | i. annoyance        |
| 10. <b>importance</b>  | j. controls         |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you think of flying?
- c) How can we improve airports?
- d) What should happen to the stowaway?
- e) Do you worry about safety and security?
- f) What do you think of your nation's airline?
- g) What should happen to Delta?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the airport security staff?

## Phrase Match

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| 1. a person who gets onto a plane      | a. into how               |
| 2. She had no boarding                 | b. find out what happened |
| 3. throughout the                      | c. without paying         |
| 4. flight                              | d. waiting to take off    |
| 5. the woman was making                | e. pass                   |
| 6. The woman is now being held         | f. attendant              |
| 7. while the plane was on the runway   | g. frequent, long trips   |
| 8. Only a judge can                    | h. by police in Paris     |
| 9. Investigators are currently looking | i. make me go back        |
| 10. the airline would work hard to     | j. seven-hour flight      |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of airplanes?
- What do you think of stowaways?
- Have you ever not paid on a bus or train?
- What do you think of airports?
- Do you think airport security checks are good enough?
- Why do you think the woman stowed away?
- What should Delta do about this issue?
- What advice do you have for the stowaway?

## Spelling

- She lfwe as a stowaway
- She ctlserye got onto the plane
- airport ffsat
- She oedarbd the Delta Air Lines aircraft
- get past many tsiyeruc checks
- feqneurt, long trips to different toilets
- Airline oilfaicfs
- she caused a uisatncdber
- Only a egudj can make me go back
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### Answers – Synonym Match

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

## Role Play

### Role A – Airplane Food

You think airplane food is the best thing about flying. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the view, the movies or taking off.

### Role B – The View

You think the view is the best thing about flying. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): airplane food, the movies or taking off.

### Role C – The Movies

You think the movies are the best things about flying. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the view, airplane food or taking off.

### Role D – Taking Off

You think taking off is the best thing about flying. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the view, the movies or airplane food.

## Speaking – Flying

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

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|------------------------|--------------|
| • Airplane food        | • The view   |
| • Duty free            | • The movies |
| • The departure lounge | • Landing    |
| • The excitement       | • Taking off |

### Answers – True False

1	F	2	F	3	T	4	F	5	T	6	T	7	T	8	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.