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**Level 1 – 13th March 2025**

## **Korean Air wins best airline of the year award**

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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The website AirlineRatings.com has announced its top airline for 2025. The website puts together the World's Best Airlines Awards. This year's winner is Korean Air. The website wrote: "Korean Air won...for its exceptional focus on passenger comfort, particularly in economy class." It added the airline provided slippers and large meals on long-haul flights. The reviewers praised the airline for its "modern, fuel-efficient aircraft".

There were winners in other categories. Qatar Airways won the best business class award. This was because it has a cabin with "fully enclosed private suites...offering passengers complete privacy". The best first-class company was Singapore Airlines. Singapore's Changi Airport won the world's best airport award. The top low-cost airline was AirAsia. In this category, the reviewers looked at meals and drinks, Wi-Fi, in-flight entertainment, and safety standards.

Sources: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/laurabegleybloom/2025/02/10/the-best-airlines-in-2025-according-to-a-new-travel-ratings-report/>  
<https://www.airlineratings.com/articles/worlds-best-airlines-for-2025>  
<https://businesstravelerusa.com/news/world-best-airlines-2025/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2503/250313-worlds-best-airlines-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The website           | a. slippers             |
| 2. its top airline       | b. efficient aircraft   |
| 3. This year's winner    | c. on passenger comfort |
| 4. its exceptional focus | d. the airline          |
| 5. the airline provided  | e. AirlineRatings.com   |
| 6. meals on long-        | f. is Korean Air        |
| 7. The reviewers praised | g. for 2025             |
| 8. modern, fuel-         | h. haul flights         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. There were winners in               | a. suites           |
| 2. Qatar Airways won the best business | b. entertainment    |
| 3. a cabin with fully enclosed private | c. cost airline     |
| 4. complete                            | d. class award      |
| 5. the world's best                    | e. standards        |
| 6. The top low-                        | f. other categories |
| 7. in-flight                           | g. airport award    |
| 8. safety                              | h. privacy          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The website AirlineRatings.com has (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
airline for 2025. The website (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
World's Best Airlines Awards. This year's winner is Korean Air.  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_: "Korean Air won...for its  
exceptional focus (4) \_\_\_\_\_, particularly in  
economy class." It added the airline provided  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ meals on long-haul flights. The  
reviewers praised the airline for its "modern,  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_".

There were winners (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Qatar  
Airways won the best business class award. This was because it  
has a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed private  
suites...offering (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The best first-  
class company was Singapore Airlines. Singapore's Changi Airport  
won the world's (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The top low-cost  
airline was AirAsia. (11) \_\_\_\_\_, the reviewers  
looked at meals and drinks, Wi-Fi, in-flight entertainment,  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# AIRLINES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2503/250313-worlds-best-airlines-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about airlines 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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.

# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

