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US wants gamers to become air traffic controllers

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260413-air-traffic-controller-gaming.html>

The USA's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has launched a recruitment campaign aimed at gamers. The FAA wants them to consider becoming air traffic controllers. There is a shortage of workers in the sector, so the government hopes people skilled at gaming could fill the growing number of vacancies. The US currently needs at least 3,000 controllers. Nick Daniels, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, said: "Our union welcomes innovative approaches to expanding the candidate pool, including outreach to individuals with high-level skills, such as gamers, so long as all pathways maintain the rigorous standards required of this safety-critical profession."

The recruitment drive has a video with an Xbox logo on it. The tag line is explicitly aimed at gamers. It says: "You've been training for this... Become an air traffic controller. It's not a game. It's a career." The promo adds: "You'll keep millions of people safe every year. And make a lot of money." The enticing salary is \$155,000 a year. US Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy said the country needs to tempt "a growing demographic of young adults who have many of the hard skills it takes to be a successful controller". Some current controllers have said gaming could be a useful skill. They said it had "an influence on their ability to think quickly, stay focused, and manage complexity".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ce84rvx0e6do>
<https://abcnews.com/US/new-air-traffic-control-hiring-campaign-targets-gamers/story>
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WARM-UPS

1. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about air traffic control. 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?

aviation / recruitment / gamers / air traffic controllers / government / profession / video / Xbox / game / career / money / salary / transportation / ability / complexity

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

3. GAMING LESSONS: Students A **strongly** believe gaming should be taught at school; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. GAMING: How good is gaming at improving these things? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Good?	Why?
Leadership skills		
Thinking quickly		
Staying focused		
Managing complexity		
Multi-tasking		
Fitness		

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

6. GAMES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best games at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Grand Theft Auto
- Tomodachi Life
- Resident Evil
- Nioh 3 (Team Ninja)
- Pokémon Pokopia
- Crimson Desert
- Monster Hunter
- Halo

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. launched | a. Very detailed and careful. |
| 2. recruitment | b. Introduced a product, campaign, etc. to the public for the first time. |
| 3. sector | c. New and creative. |
| 4. vacancies | d. The process of finding new workers. |
| 5. innovative | e. Jobs that are empty and need people. |
| 6. pool (noun) | f. A part of the economy or area of work. |
| 7. rigorous | g. A group of people to choose from. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. drive (noun) | h. An organised effort to achieve something. |
| 9. explicitly | i. The state of being complicated or not simple. |
| 10. promo | j. In a very clear and direct way. |
| 11. enticing | k. Practical abilities that people learn to do a job. |
| 12. demographic | l. An advertisement. |
| 13. hard skills | m. Attractive and making people interested. |
| 14. complexity | n. A group of people with similar age or characteristics. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260413-air-traffic-controller-gaming.html>

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

1. The USA has launched a training programme for gamers. **T / F**
2. The USA wants gamers to design air traffic control games. **T / F**
3. The USA does not have enough air traffic controllers. **T / F**
4. An air traffic controller union is against the recruitment plan. **T / F**
5. The government recruitment ad has an Xbox logo on it. **T / F**
6. Air traffic controllers can earn over \$155,000 a year. **T / F**
7. The Transportation Secretary said it is hard for gamers to get skills. **T / F**
8. Some air traffic controllers said gaming helped them in their jobs. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. campaign | a. cutting edge |
| 2. shortage | b. tempting |
| 3. sector | c. effect |
| 4. innovative | d. lack |
| 5. rigorous | e. difficulty |
| 6. explicitly | f. area |
| 7. enticing | g. clearly |
| 8. current | h. drive |
| 9. influence | i. present-day |
| 10. complexity | j. strict |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. a shortage of workers | a. at gamers |
| 2. fill the growing number | b. of young adults |
| 3. innovative | c. critical profession |
| 4. individuals with high- | d. in the sector |
| 5. standards required of this safety- | e. salary is \$155,000 a year |
| 6. a video with | f. level skills |
| 7. The tag line is explicitly aimed | g. to think quickly |
| 8. The enticing | h. of vacancies |
| 9. a growing demographic | i. an Xbox logo on it |
| 10. an influence on their ability | j. approaches |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260413-air-traffic-controller-gaming.html>

The USA's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has launched a recruitment (1) _____ aimed at gamers. The FAA wants them to consider becoming air traffic controllers. There is a (2) _____ of workers in the sector, so the government hopes people skilled at gaming could fill the growing number of (3) _____. The US currently needs at least 3,000 controllers. Nick Daniels, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, said: "Our (4) _____ welcomes innovative approaches to expanding the candidate (5) _____, including outreach to (6) _____ with high-level skills, such as gamers, so (7) _____ as all pathways maintain the rigorous standards required of this safety-critical (8) _____."

union
campaign
profession
pool
long
vacancies
shortage
individuals

The recruitment (9) _____ has a video with an Xbox logo on it. The tag line is (10) _____ aimed at gamers. It says: "You've been training for this... Become an air traffic controller. It's not a game. It's a career." The (11) _____ adds: "You'll keep millions of people safe every year. And make a lot of money." The (12) _____ salary is \$155,000 a year. US Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy said the country needs to (13) _____ "a growing demographic of young adults who have many of the hard skills it takes to be a (14) _____ controller". Some current controllers have said gaming could be a (15) _____ skill. They said it had "an influence on their ability to think quickly, stay focused, and manage (16) _____".

explicitly
complexity
promo
tempt
useful
drive
successful
enticing

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260413-air-traffic-controller-gaming.html>

- 1) Administration (FAA) has launched a recruitment campaign _____
 - a. aimed to gamers
 - b. aimed that gamers
 - c. aim that gamers
 - d. aimed at gamers
- 2) There is a shortage of workers _____
 - a. in the section
 - b. in the sector
 - c. in the vector
 - d. in the nectar
- 3) so the government hopes people skilled at gaming could fill the growing _____
 - a. number off vacancies
 - b. number oft vacancies
 - c. number of vacancies
 - d. numeral of vacancies
- 4) Our union welcomes innovative approaches to expanding _____
 - a. the candidate spool
 - b. the candidate pool
 - c. the candidate pole
 - d. the candidate's pool
- 5) so long as all pathways maintain the _____
 - a. rigorous standards require
 - b. rigorous standards required
 - c. rigorous standards inquired
 - d. rigorous standards enquired
- 6) Become an air traffic controller. It's not a game. _____.
 - a. It's a car rear
 - b. It's a carer
 - c. It's a careen
 - d. It's a career
- 7) And make a lot of money. The enticing salary is _____
 - a. \$155,000 a yearly
 - b. \$155,000 the year
 - c. \$155,000 a year
 - d. \$155,000 arrear
- 8) tempt a growing demographic of young adults who have many of _____
 - a. the hard skill
 - b. the hard stills
 - c. the hard still
 - d. the hard skills
- 9) Some current controllers have said gaming could be _____
 - a. a useful skill
 - b. a usefully skill
 - c. a use full skill
 - d. a used full skill
- 10) it had an influence on their ability to think quickly, stay focused, _____
 - a. and management complexity
 - b. and manages complexity
 - c. and manager complexity
 - d. and manage complexity

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The recruitment drive has a video with an Xbox logo on it. The tag line (7) _____ at gamers. It says: "You've been training for this... Become an air traffic controller. It's not a game. It's a career." (8) _____: "You'll keep millions of people safe every year. And make a lot of money." The (9) _____ \$155,000 a year. US Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy said the country (10) _____ "a growing demographic of young adults who have many of the hard skills it takes to be a successful controller". Some (11) _____ said gaming could be a useful skill. They said it had "an influence on their ability to think quickly, stay focused, (12) _____".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260413-air-traffic-controller-gaming.html>

1. What has the USA's Federal Aviation Administration launched?
2. What is there a lack of in the aviation industry in the USA?
3. What does the US government hope gamers could fill?
4. What position does Nick Daniels hold?
5. What does Nick Daniels welcome?
6. What logo does the recruitment video have on it?
7. How much could air traffic controllers earn?
8. What cabinet post does Sean P. Duffy in the US?
9. Who said gaming could be a useful skill?
10. What did air traffic controllers say gaming helped them to manage?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260413-air-traffic-controller-gaming.html>

- 1) What has the USA's Federal Aviation Administration launched?
 - a) a new airplane
 - b) a recruitment campaign
 - c) a new job
 - d) a rocket
- 2) What is there a lack of in the aviation industry in the USA?
 - a) drive
 - b) air traffic control towers
 - c) workers
 - d) campaigns
- 3) What does the US government hope gamers could fill?
 - a) forms
 - b) holes
 - c) a void
 - d) vacancies
- 4) What position does Nick Daniels hold?
 - a) CEO
 - b) president
 - c) chief pilot
 - d) head controller
- 5) What does Nick Daniels welcome?
 - a) innovative approaches
 - b) new recruits
 - c) VIPs
 - d) huge challenges
- 6) What logo does the recruitment video have on it?
 - a) an Xbox logo
 - b) the NASA logo
 - c) the United Airlines logo
 - d) the White House logo
- 7) How much could air traffic controllers earn?
 - a) \$140,000 a year
 - b) \$145,000 a year
 - c) \$150,000 a year
 - d) \$155,000 a year
- 8) What cabinet post does Sean P. Duffy in the US?
 - a) Energy Secretary
 - b) Treasury Secretary
 - c) Transportation Secretary
 - d) Labor Secretary
- 9) Who said gaming could be a useful skill?
 - a) pilots
 - b) game coders
 - c) the gaming world champion
 - d) some current controllers
- 10) What did air traffic controllers say gaming helped them to manage?
 - a) difficult people
 - b) complexity
 - c) their finances
 - d) their time

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260413-air-traffic-controller-gaming.html>

Role A – Grand Theft Auto

You think Grand Theft Auto is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): Pokémon, Super Mario or Monster Hunter.

Role B – Pokémon

You think Pokémon is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): Grand Theft Auto, Super Mario or Monster Hunter.

Role C – Super Mario

You think Super Mario is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): Pokémon, Grand Theft Auto or Monster Hunter.

Role D – Monster Hunter

You think Monster Hunter is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): Pokémon, Super Mario or Grand Theft Auto.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260413-air-traffic-controller-gaming.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'gamer' and 'aviation'.

gamer	aviation
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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">• launched• consider• number• least• union• long	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• drive• game• safe• tempt• some• stay
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AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about air traffic control 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.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL 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 'gamer'?
3. What do you think of gaming?
4. Who is the best gamer you know?
5. Do you have a favourite online gamer?
6. What do you think of the job of an air traffic controller?
7. How skilled are you at gaming?
8. What are your favourite games?
9. Why do you think there are too few air traffic controllers?
10. How stressful is the job of an air traffic controller?

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AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL 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 'aviation'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of xBox?
15. What career interests you most?
16. What hard skills do you have?
17. How well can you stay focused?
18. How good are you at managing complexity?
19. Would you be a good air traffic controller?
20. What questions would you like to ask an air traffic controller?

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 USA's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has (1) ____ a recruitment campaign aimed at gamers. The FAA wants them to consider becoming air traffic controllers. There is a (2) ____ of workers in the sector, so the government hopes people skilled at gaming could (3) ____ the growing number of vacancies. The US currently needs at (4) ____ 3,000 controllers. Nick Daniels, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, said: "Our union welcomes innovative approaches to expanding the candidate (5) ____, including outreach to individuals with high-level skills, such as gamers, so long (6) ____ all pathways maintain the rigorous standards required of this safety-critical profession."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) launch | (b) launching | (c) launches | (d) launched |
| 2. | (a) shots | (b) shorted | (c) shortening | (d) shortage |
| 3. | (a) throng | (b) fill | (c) pervade | (d) perform |
| 4. | (a) lest | (b) lust | (c) least | (d) last |
| 5. | (a) track | (b) gym | (c) pool | (d) pitch |
| 6. | (a) as | (b) was | (c) has | (d) mas |
| 7. | (a) pogo | (b) logo | (c) no-go | (d) to go |
| 8. | (a) promo | (b) prom | (c) promenade | (d) prompts |
| 9. | (a) attempt | (b) tempt | (c) temp | (d) temper |
| 10. | (a) hardly | (b) harden | (c) hard | (d) hardship |
| 11. | (a) confluence | (b) affluence | (c) influence | (d) effluence |
| 12. | (a) over | (b) reside | (c) lodge | (d) stay |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. launched a eniutrtrmce campaign
2. a shortage of workers in the cserto
3. fill the growing number of vciseaacn
4. ioinvaevnt approaches
5. maintain the oriougsr standards
6. this safety-cciltari profession

Paragraph 2

7. eltcipxiyl aimed at gamers
8. The eigcntni salary
9. tempt a growing gcdhmipraeo
10. be a uscufselsc controller
11. an niueefcnl on their ability
12. stay focused and manage lmipeoyctx

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () adds: "You'll keep millions of people safe every year. And make a lot of money." The enticing
- () as gamers, so long as all pathways maintain the rigorous standards required of this safety-critical profession."
- () at gamers. The FAA wants them to consider becoming air traffic controllers. There is a shortage
- () National Air Traffic Controllers Association, said: "Our union welcomes innovative approaches to expanding
- () of workers in the sector, so the government hopes people skilled at gaming could fill the growing number of
- () salary is \$155,000 a year. US Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy said the country needs
- () skill. They said it had "an influence on their ability to think quickly, stay focused, and manage complexity".
- () takes to be a successful controller". Some current controllers have said gaming could be a useful
- () the candidate pool, including outreach to individuals with high-level skills, such
- () The recruitment drive has a video with an Xbox logo on it. The tag line is explicitly aimed at gamers. It says: "You've been
- (**1**) The USA's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has launched a recruitment campaign aimed
- () to tempt "a growing demographic of young adults who have many of the hard skills it
- () training for this... Become an air traffic controller. It's not a game. It's a career." The promo
- () vacancies. The US currently needs at least 3,000 controllers. Nick Daniels, president of the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. a aimed at campaign gamers It launched recruitment .
2. air become controllers It them to traffic wants .
3. a in of sector shortage the There's workers .
4. could fill Gamers growing number of the vacancies .
5. All maintain pathways required rigorous standards the .
6. A an it logo on video with Xbox .
7. aimed at explicitly gamers is line tag The .
8. every keep millions of people safe year You'll .
9. be hard it skills successful takes The to .
10. ability An influence on quickly their think to .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260413-air-traffic-controller-gaming.html>

The USA's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has launched a recruitment *campaign / campaigner* aimed at gamers. The FAA wants them to *consider / reconsider* becoming air traffic controllers. There is a *shortening / shortage* of workers in the sector, so the government hopes people skilled *to / at* gaming could fill the growing number of *vacations / vacancies*. The US currently needs at *least / lest* 3,000 controllers. Nick Daniels, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, said: "Our union welcomes innovative *approaches / reproaches* to expanding the candidate *spool / pool*, including outreach to individuals with high-level skills, such as gamers, so long as all *pathogens / pathways* maintain the rigorous standards required of this safety-critical *professor / profession*."

The recruitment *drive / flight* has a video with an Xbox logo on it. The *tag / tug* line is explicitly aimed at gamers. It says: "You've been training for this... Become an air traffic controller. It's not a game. It's a career." The *promo / prom* adds: "You'll keep millions of people safe every year. And *make / take* a lot of money." The enticing salary is \$155,000 a year. US Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy said the country needs to *attempt / tempt* "a growing *demographic / graphic* of young adults who have many of the *hardly / hard* skills it takes to be a successful controller". Some *current / currant* controllers have said gaming could be a useful skill. They said it had "an *affluence / influence* on their ability to think quickly, stay focused, and manage complexity / complex".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ _S_'s F_d_r_l _v__t__n _dm_n_str_t__n (F__) h_s
l__nch_d _ r_cr__tm_nt c_mp__gn __m_d _t g_m_rs.
Th_ F__ wnts th_m t_ c_ns_d_r b_c_m_ng __r tr_ff_c
c_ntr_ll_rs. Th_r_ _s _ sh_rt_g_ _f w_rk_rs _n th_
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C_ntr_ll_rs _ss_c__t__n, s__d: "__r _n__n w_lc_m_s
_nn_v_t_v_ _ppr__ch_s t_ _xp_nd_ng th_ c_nd_d_t_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260413-air-traffic-controller-gaming.html>

the usas federal aviation administration faa has launched a recruitment campaign aimed at gamers the faa wants them to consider becoming air traffic controllers there is a shortage of workers in the sector so the government hopes people skilled at gaming could fill the growing number of vacancies the us currently needs at least 3000 controllers nick daniels president of the national air traffic controllers association said our union welcomes innovative approaches to expanding the candidate pool including outreach to individuals with highlevel skills such as gamers so long as all pathways maintain the rigorous standards required of this safetycritical profession

the recruitment drive has a video with an xbox logo on it the tag line is explicitly aimed at gamers it says youve been training for this become an air traffic controller its not a game its a career the promo adds youll keep millions of people safe every year and make a lot of money the enticing salary is 155000 a year us transportation secretary sean p duffy said the country needs to tempt a growing demographic of young adults who have many of the hard skills it takes to be a successful controller some current controllers have said gaming could be a useful skill they said it had an influence on their ability to think quickly stay focused and manage complexity

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The USA's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has launched a recruitment campaign aimed at gamers. The FAA wants them to consider becoming air traffic controllers. There is a shortage of workers in the sector, so the government hopes people skilled at gaming could fill the growing number of vacancies. The US currently needs at least 3,000 controllers. Nick Daniels, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, said: "Our union welcomes innovative approaches to expanding the candidate pool, including outreach to individuals with high-level skills, such as gamers, so long as all pathways maintain the rigorous standards required of this safety-critical profession." The recruitment drive has a video with an Xbox logo on it. The tagline is explicitly aimed at gamers. It says: "You've been training for this... Become an air traffic controller. It's not a game. It's a career." The promo adds: "You'll keep millions of people safe every year. And make a lot of money." The enticing salary is \$155,000 a year. US Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy said the country needs to tempt a growing demographic of young adults who have many of the hard skills it takes to be a successful controller. Some current controllers have said gaming could be a useful skill. They said it had "an influence on their ability to think quickly, stay focused, and manage complexity".

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. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL: Make a poster about air traffic control. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. GAMING LESSONS: Write a magazine article about introducing gaming lessons in schools. 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 gaming. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions of gaming. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A recruitment campaign
2. Workers
3. Vacancies
4. President
5. Innovative approaches
6. An Xbox logo
7. \$155,000 a year
8. Transportation Secretary
9. Some current controllers
10. Complexity

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. It launched a recruitment campaign aimed at gamers.
2. It wants them to become air traffic controllers.
3. There's a shortage of workers in the sector.
4. Gamers could fill the growing number of vacancies.
5. All pathways maintain the rigorous standards required.
6. A video with an Xbox logo on it.
7. The tag line is explicitly aimed at gamers.
8. You'll keep millions of people safe every year.
9. The hard skills it takes to be successful.
10. An influence on their ability to think quickly.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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