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American man travels a million miles in 2012

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THE ARTICLE

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An American man flew one million miles in 2012. Tom Stuker, 59, passed the million mark on a flight from London to Chicago on December 6. Mr Stuker works as a car sales consultant and has to fly all over the world. He frequently flies to Asia and Australia, and has taken about 400 flights so far this year. He always uses the U.S. airline United. He joined the company's frequent flyer program in 1983 and has since flown 11 million miles with United, on over 6,000 flights. A United Airlines spokesperson said that in 2012, Mr Stuker had flown the same distance as 40 times around the Earth. It added that if all of Mr Stuker's miles were put together, he would be in the air for 73 days non-stop.

Mr Stuker told reporters that 2012 was a record year for him and that he was "tired". He said: "I know I'll never fly this much again in a year." He said he is looking forward to flying a lot less next year – perhaps around half-a-million miles. Stuker said he likes flying but is sad that passengers are becoming less patient. He said: "When you're on a plane, remember certain common courtesies. Don't talk so loud on a phone that 18 rows can hear you. And when you take off your shoes, understand that maybe your feet don't exactly smell like roses." Mr Stuker always flies first class these days. He said he didn't think he could spend so long in economy class. He enjoys special services from United other passengers get.

Sources: <http://www.businessinsider.com/tom-stuker-flies-1-million-miles-on-united-2012-12#ixzz2FiyZUQVX>
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WARM-UPS

1. FLYING: Walk around the class and talk to other students about flying. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

one million / flight / frequently / airlines / distance / the Earth / 73 days / non-stop / record year / looking forward / passenger / patient / courtesies / roses / economy class

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

3. ONE MILLION: What would it be like to be a "million person"? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What life is like	What I would tell reporters
Fly 1M miles		
1M Facebook friends		
Have \$1,000,000		
Cycled 1M km		
Have 1M songs		
Know 1M English words		

4. SAFE: Students A **strongly** believe flying is the safest way of travelling; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. FLIGHT: What's best about flying? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- in-flight entertainment
- airplane food
- drinks trolley
- arriving
- other passengers
- a new passport visa
- duty-free shopping
- air miles

6. AIRPLANE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'airplane'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121223-frequent_flyer.html

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The man who flew a million miles is an airline pilot. | T / F |
| b. The man took around 400 flights in 2012. | T / F |
| c. The guy has taken more than 6,000 flights with the same airline. | T / F |
| d. The frequent flyer once flew for 73 days non-stop. | T / F |
| e. He will probably fly even more in 2013. | T / F |
| f. The man believes airline passengers aren't so patient these days. | T / F |
| g. The man said his feet smelled like roses. | T / F |
| h. The man said he gets special services from an airline. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. mark | a. tolerant |
| 2. consultant | b. length |
| 3. frequently | c. benefits from |
| 4. distance | d. advisor |
| 5. non-stop | e. good manners |
| 6. record | f. level |
| 7. sad | g. continuously |
| 8. patient | h. unhappy |
| 9. courtesies | i. regularly |
| 10. enjoys | j. best ever |

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

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. passed the million | a. 73 days non-stop |
| 2. a flight | b. courtesies |
| 3. frequent | c. mark |
| 4. the same distance as | d. services from United |
| 5. be in the air for | e. flyer program |
| 6. flying a lot | f. from London to Chicago |
| 7. passengers are becoming | g. smell like roses |
| 8. common | h. less next year |
| 9. your feet don't exactly | i. 40 times around the Earth |
| 10. He enjoys special | j. less patient |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

An American man (1) _____ one million miles in 2012. Tom Stuker, 59, passed the million (2) _____ on a flight from London to Chicago on December 6. Mr Stuker works as a car sales consultant and has to fly all over the world. He (3) _____ flies to Asia and Australia, and has taken about 400 flights so far this year. He always uses the U.S. airline United. He joined the company's frequent flyer (4) _____ in 1983 and has since flown 11 million miles with United, on over 6,000 (5) _____. A United Airlines spokesperson said that in 2012, Mr Stuker had flown the same (6) _____ as 40 times around the Earth. It (7) _____ that if all of Mr Stuker's miles were put together, he would be in the air for 73 days (8) _____.

Mr Stuker told reporters that 2012 was a (9) _____ year for him and that he was "tired". He said: "I know I'll never fly this much again in a year." He said he is looking (10) _____ to flying a lot less next year - perhaps around (11) _____-a-million miles. Stuker said he likes flying but is sad that passengers are becoming less (12) _____. He said: "When you're on a plane, remember certain common (13) _____. Don't talk so loud on a phone that 18 rows can hear you. And when you take off your shoes, understand that maybe your feet don't (14) _____ smell like roses." Mr Stuker always flies first class these days. He said he didn't think he could (15) _____ so long in economy class. He (16) _____ special services from United other passengers get.

added
frequently
flights
mark
non-stop
flew
program
distance

courtesies
enjoys
forward
spend
half
record
exactly
patient

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121223-frequent_flyer.html

- 1) An American man _____ one million miles in 2012.
 - a. flies
 - b. flew
 - c. flying
 - d. flown
- 2) Tom Stuker, 59, _____ on a flight from London to Chicago on December 6.
 - a. passed the million marks
 - b. passed a million mark
 - c. past the million mark
 - d. passed the million mark
- 3) Mr Stuker works as a car sales consultant and has _____ world.
 - a. to fly all over a
 - b. to fly all over the
 - c. to fly whole over the
 - d. to flight all over the
- 4) He joined the company's frequent flyer program in 1983
 - a. frequented flyer program
 - b. frequency flyer program
 - c. frequently flyer program
 - d. frequent flyer program
- 5) if all of Mr Stuker's miles were put together, he _____ 73 days non-stop
 - a. would be in the air for
 - b. would be up the air for
 - c. would the air be in for
 - d. would be in the year four
- 6) Mr Stuker told reporters that 2012 _____ and that he was "tired".
 - a. was a recorded year for him
 - b. is a record year for him
 - c. was a record year for him
 - d. was a record years for him
- 7) He said he is _____ a lot less next year
 - a. look in for ways to flying
 - b. looking forward to flying
 - c. looking forward too fly in
 - d. looking forward to flying in
- 8) Stuker said he likes flying but is sad that passengers _____.
 - a. are be come in less pay shunt
 - b. are becoming less patients
 - c. are becoming less patient
 - d. are becoming less patience
- 9) Don't _____ 18 rows can hear you.
 - a. talk so loud on a phone that
 - b. talk so loudly on a phone that
 - c. talk so loud on a cell phone that
 - d. talk so loud on a phone so that
- 10) He enjoys special services from United _____.
 - a. other passengers doesn't get
 - b. other passenger do not get
 - c. others passengers do not get
 - d. other passengers do not get

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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An American man (1) _____ in 2012. Tom Stuker, 59, passed the million mark on a flight from London to Chicago on December 6. Mr Stuker works as a car sales consultant (2) _____ the world. He frequently flies to Asia and Australia, and has taken about 400 (3) _____. He always uses the U.S. airline United. He joined the company's (4) _____ 1983 and has since flown 11 million miles with United, on over 6,000 flights. A United Airlines spokesperson said that in 2012, Mr Stuker had (5) _____ as 40 times around the Earth. It added that if all of Mr Stuker's miles were put together, he (6) _____ 73 days non-stop.

Mr Stuker told reporters that 2012 was (7) _____ and that he was "tired". He said: "I know (8) _____ again in a year." He said he is (9) _____ a lot less next year – perhaps around half-a-million miles. Stuker said he likes flying but is sad that passengers are becoming less patient. He said: "When you're on a plane, remember (10) _____. Don't talk so loud on a phone that 18 rows can hear you. And when you take off your shoes, understand that maybe your feet (11) _____ roses." Mr Stuker always flies first class these days. He said he didn't think he could spend so long in economy class. He (12) _____ United other passengers get.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121223-frequent_flyer.html

1. How old is the man who flew a million miles?

2. Where was he going when he broke the record?

3. How many flights did he take in 2012?

4. When did he join United Airline's frequent flyer program?

5. How many days does all his 2012 flights add up to?

6. How many miles does he think he'll fly in 2013?

7. What does he think of other passengers?

8. What does Mr Stuker advise passengers to not do?

9. How does Mr Stuker fly nowadays?

10. What does Mr Stuker get that other passengers don't?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121223-frequent_flyer.html

1. What did Tom Stuker pass in December?
 - a) New York
 - b) a job interview for an in-flight magazine
 - c) the 1,000,000 miles mark
 - d) his pilot's license
2. Where did he fly to on December 6?
 - a) Chicago
 - b) Australia
 - c) London
 - d) Asia
3. When did he take 400 flights?
 - a) in 1983
 - b) five years ago
 - c) 2011
 - d) 2012
4. What did he join in 1983?
 - a) a travel club
 - b) an airline's frequent flyer program
 - c) the Army
 - d) his company
5. How much time does all his 2012 flying add up to?
 - a) countless hours
 - b) 73 days and 40 minutes
 - c) 73 days
 - d) too much time to count
6. How did Mr Stuker feel about flying one million miles?
 - a) excited
 - b) tired
 - c) happy
 - d) amazed
7. How many miles will he fly in 2013?
 - a) 2,000,000
 - b) 1,000,000
 - c) 250,000
 - d) 500,000
8. What does Mr Stuker say passengers should remember?
 - a) their boarding pass
 - b) good manners
 - c) to thank the flight attendants
 - d) to wash their feet
9. How does Mr Stuker fly nowadays?
 - a) first class
 - b) business class
 - c) second class
 - d) economy class
10. What does he get that other passengers don't get?
 - a) more air miles
 - b) extra food
 - c) a limousine
 - d) special services

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Frequent Flyer A

You think flying is the best way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. You do not understand why other people do not like flying. Disagree with everything Frequent Flyer B says. You think flight attendants do a great job. Tell the others three reasons why. Airlines really look after passengers.

Role B – Frequent Flyer B

You think flying is the worst way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. You do not understand why other people like flying. Disagree with everything Frequent Flyer A says. You don't like flight attendants. Tell the others three reasons why. You think airlines treat people like sardines.

Role C – Flight Attendant A

You hate your job and you don't like passengers. Tell the others three reasons why. You think passengers are very badly behaved. They need to learn common courtesies. They forget their manners when they get on an airplane. Even good passengers make too much work for you.

Role D – Flight Attendant B

You love your job and you love helping passengers. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell flight attendant B he/she should quit his/her job. Try to make Flyer B that air travel is very nice. You know Frequent Flyer A has very bad manners. Tell him/her to behave better on airplanes.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

airplane	flight
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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">• mark• car• 400• 1983• 40• 73	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• record• forward• less• 18• roses• special
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FLYING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about flying 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.

FLYING DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'airplane'?
- c) What do you think of flying a million miles in a year?
- d) What are the best and worst things about flying?
- e) Is flying better than going by train, driving and going by ship?
- f) Do you like flying?
- g) What do you think it would be like to be a flight attendant?
- h) What do you think of airplane food?
- i) What's the best airline in the world, and why?
- j) Should United Airlines do something extra special for Mr Stuker? What?

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FLYING DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What would you do on an airplane if you flew so regularly?
- c) What do you think of other passengers?
- d) Do you think people today are forgetting common courtesies?
- e) What do you think of people who talk loudly on their phones?
- f) What experiences have you had of other people's smelly feet?
- g) How different do you think it is to fly first class?
- h) Do you think flying first class isn't really like flying?
- i) What can airlines do to make flying better?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Tom Stuker?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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Mr Stuker told reporters that 2012 was a (7) _____ year for him and that he was "tired". He said: "I know I'll never fly this much again in a year." He said he is looking (8) _____ to flying a lot less next year – perhaps around half-a-million miles. Stuker said he likes flying but is sad that passengers are becoming (9) _____ patient. He said: "When you're on a plane, remember certain common courtesies. Don't talk so loud on a phone that 18 (10) _____ can hear you. And when you take off your shoes, understand that maybe your feet don't (11) _____ smell like roses." Mr Stuker always flies first class these days. He said he didn't think he could spend so long in economy class. He (12) _____ special services from United other passengers get.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) fly | (b) flew | (c) flyer | (d) flown |
| 2. | (a) has | (b) as | (c) was | (d) is |
| 3. | (a) frequents | (b) frequent | (c) frequency | (d) frequently |
| 4. | (a) as | (b) so | (c) too | (d) up |
| 5. | (a) then | (b) ago | (c) for | (d) since |
| 6. | (a) stoppage | (b) stops | (c) non-stop | (d) stopping |
| 7. | (a) record | (b) records | (c) recorded | (d) recording |
| 8. | (a) up | (b) backward | (c) forward | (d) down |
| 9. | (a) more | (b) not | (c) terribly | (d) less |
| 10. | (a) rows | (b) aisles | (c) columns | (d) tables |
| 11. | (a) exactly | (b) exact | (c) accurately | (d) accurate |
| 12. | (a) enjoys | (b) enjoyment | (c) enjoying | (d) enjoyable |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Tom Stuker, 59, sspdae the million mark
2. taken about 400 tfisglh so far this year
3. the company's nrqetfue flyer program
4. A United Airlines snookepessrp said...
5. flown the same tansidce
6. in the air for 73 days pno-ntso

Paragraph 2

7. 2012 was a crdore year
8. he is looking owrafdr to flying a lot less
9. passengers are becoming less pentiat
10. remember certain common esirtouesc
11. your feet don't clyxtea smell like roses
12. oyomecn class

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () smell like roses." Mr Stuker always flies first class these days. He said he didn't think he could spend so
- () flown the same distance as 40 times around the Earth. It added that if all
- () uses the U.S. airline United. He joined the company's frequent flyer program in 1983 and has since flown 11 million miles with United,
- (**1**) An American man flew one million miles in 2012. Tom Stuker, 59, passed the million mark on a
- () this much again in a year." He said he is looking forward to flying a lot less next year – perhaps
- () on over 6,000 flights. A United Airlines spokesperson said that in 2012, Mr Stuker had
- () long in economy class. He enjoys special services from United other passengers do not get.
- () around half-a-million miles. Stuker said he likes flying but is sad that passengers are becoming less patient. He said: "When you're
- () rows can hear you. And when you take off your shoes, understand that maybe your feet don't exactly
- () on a plane, remember certain common courtesies. Don't talk so loud on a phone that 18
- () Mr Stuker told reporters that 2012 was a record year for him and that he was "tired". He said: "I know I'll never fly
- () of Mr Stuker's miles were put together, he would be in the air for 73 days non-stop.
- () flight from London to Chicago on December 6. Mr Stuker works as a car sales consultant and has to fly all
- () over the world. He frequently flies to Asia and Australia, and has taken about 400 flights so far this year. He always

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. in An flew miles man million 2012 American one.

2. S . airline United He always uses the U.

3. flyer 1983 joined frequent in He company's program the.

4. around the Earth Flown the same distance as 40 times.

5. He - 73 the would stop days air be non for in.

6. this fly never I'll know I year a in again much.

7. year next less lot a flying to forward looking is He.

8. less becoming are passengers that Sad patient.

9. your like feet roses don't exactly Maybe smell.

10. didn't He class economy in long so spend could he think.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121223-frequent_flyer.html

An American man *flew / flown* one million miles in 2012. Tom Stuker, 59, passed the million mark on a *flies / flight* from London to Chicago on December 6. Mr Stuker works *as / was* a car sales consultant and has to fly all over the world. He *frequently / regular* flies to Asia and Australia, and has taken about 400 flights so *far / farther* this year. He always uses the U.S. *airline / airliner* United. He joined the company's frequent flyer program in 1983 and has *since / for* flown 11 million miles *with / to* United, on over 6,000 flights. A United Airlines spokesperson said that in 2012, Mr Stuker had flown the same *distant / distance* as 40 times around the Earth. It added that if all of Mr Stuker's miles were put together, he would be in the *air / wind* for 73 days non-stop.

Mr Stuker told reporters that 2012 was a *record / recording* year for him and that he was "tired". He said: "I know I'll never fly this much again in a year." He said he is looking *backward / forward* to *flying / flies* a lot less next year – perhaps around half-a-million miles. Stuker said he likes flying but is *saddens / sad* that passengers are becoming *less / least* patient. He said: "When you're on a plane, remember *certainly / certain* common courtesies. Don't talk *so / such* loud on a phone that 18 rows can hear you. And when you take off your shoes, understand that maybe your feet don't exactly smell *like / likely* roses." Mr Stuker always flies first class *these / those* days. He said he didn't think he could spend so long in economy class. He *enjoys / enjoyable* special services from United other passengers get.

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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_n _m_r_c_n m_n fl_w _n_ m_ll__n m_l_s _n 2012.
T_m St_k_r, 59, p_ss_d th_ m_ll__n m_rk _n _ fl_gh_t
fr_m L_nd_n t_ Ch_c_g_ _n D_c_mb_r 6. Mr St_k_r
w_rks _s _c_r s_l_s c_ns_l_t_nt _nd h_s t_ fly _ll _v_r
th_ w_rld. H_ fr_q__ntly fl__s t_ _s__ _nd __str_l__,
_nd h_s t_k_n _b__t 400 fl_gh_t_s s_ f_r th_s y__r. H_
_lw_ys _s_s th_ __.S. __rl_n_ _n_t_d. H_ j__n_d th_
c_mp_ny's fr_q__nt fly_r pr_gr_m _n 1983 _nd h_s
s_nc_ fl_w_n 11 m_ll__n m_l_s w_th _n_t_d, _n _v_r
6,000 fl_gh_t_s. _ _n_t_d __rl_n_s sp_k_sp_rs_n s__d
th_t _n 2012, Mr St_k_r h_d fl_w_n th_ s_m_d st_nc_
_s 40 t_m_s _r__nd th_ __rth. _t _dd_d th_t _f _ll _f
Mr St_k_r's m_l_s w_r_ p_t t_g_th_r, h_ w__ld b__n
th_ __r f_r 73 d_ys n_n-st_p.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121223-frequent_flyer.html

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mr stuker told reporters that 2012 was a record year for him and that he was "tired" he said "i know i'll never fly this much again in a year" he said he is looking forward to flying a lot less next year – perhaps around half-a-million miles stuker said he likes flying but is sad that passengers are becoming less patient he said "when you're on a plane remember certain common courtesies don't talk so loud on a phone that 18 rows can hear you and when you take off your shoes understand that maybe your feet don't exactly smell like roses" mr stuker always flies first class these days he said he didn't think he could spend so long in economy class he enjoys special services from united other passengers get

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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 flying. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. 1,000,000: Make a poster about flying a million miles. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FREQUENT FLYER: Write a magazine article about a frequent flyer. Include an imaginary interview with him/her

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 the boss of an airline. Ask him/her three questions about flying. Give him/her three of your opinions on how to make it better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d F e F f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. mark | a. level |
| 2. consultant | b. advisor |
| 3. frequently | c. regularly |
| 4. distance | d. length |
| 5. non-stop | e. continuously |
| 6. record | f. best ever |
| 7. sad | g. unhappy |
| 8. patient | h. tolerant |
| 9. courtesies | i. good manners |
| 10. enjoys | j. benefits from |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. 59
2. Chicago
3. About 400
4. In 1983
5. 73
6. Around 500,000
7. They are becoming less patient
8. Talk loudly on the phone
9. First class
10. Special services

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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