

## Pilot buys pizza for 157 passengers

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An airplane pilot felt sorry for his hungry passengers, so he bought them all pizza. The pilot, Gerhard Bradner, works for the USA-based Frontier Airlines. His flight from Washington

D.C. to Denver was delayed. He felt hungry and thought he would get a pizza delivery from a Domino's Pizza restaurant near the airport. Then he thought his passengers would also be hungry, so he ordered 50 family-sized pizzas. He paid out of his own pocket, but the owner of the airline said he would give Mr Bradner the money for the pizzas. He announced on board: "Ladies and gentleman, Frontier Airlines is known for being one of the cheapest airlines in the US, but your captain is not cheap. I just ordered pizza for the entire plane."

Mr Bradner said his airline is like a giant family and his passengers are part of that family. That is why he wanted to buy everyone pizza. He also told reporters that he knows other pilots who have bought food for passengers. Frontier Airlines said in a statement: "Yes, the pilot did buy pizza for the passengers. It is important to note that this isn't the first time one of our pilots has gone above and beyond to provide care for our customers." Bradner even got off the plane and went to meet the pizza delivery guy at the security area and helped carry the pizzas back to the plane. The manager of the Domino's Pizza said he was surprised when he took the order and the caller told him: "I need to feed my whole plane."

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## Writing

Airplanes should stop providing food. We should bring our own. Discuss.

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

*feel sorry for / hungry / delayed / delivery / family-sized pizzas / airlines / captain / giant family / reporters / statement / care / customers / security area / surprised*

## True / False

- A pilot bought pizza to thank passengers for flying with his airline. T / F
- The flight was delayed and the pilot got hungry. T / F
- The pilot bought 50 family-sized pizzas for everyone onboard. T / F
- The airline the pilot flies for is one of America's most expensive. T / F
- Most of the pilot's family were passengers on the plane. T / F
- The pilot knows other pilots who bought pizza for their passengers. T / F
- The pilot helped take the pizzas from the delivery guy to the plane. T / F
- The pizza restaurant manager wasn't at all surprised by the order. T / F

## Synonym Match

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|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. sorry     | a. stated       |
| 2. delayed   | b. bear in mind |
| 3. announced | c. whole        |
| 4. known     | d. huge         |
| 5. entire    | e. give         |
| 6. giant     | f. concerned    |
| 7. note      | g. cater for    |
| 8. provide   | h. take         |
| 9. carry     | i. held up      |
| 10. feed     | j. recognised   |

## Discussion – Student A

- What springs to mind when you hear the word 'airplane food'?
- What do you think of airplane food?
- Which would be better on an airplane, airplane food or pizza?
- Should airlines forget about serving food and reduce prices?
- What do you think about the pilot buying pizza for his passengers?
- Do you think more people will fly with Frontier Airlines now?
- What's your favourite pizza?
- Would it be better to take your own food on an airplane?

# Breaking News English - The Mini Lesson

## Phrase Match

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. An airplane pilot felt sorry | a. one of the cheapest airlines |
| 2. the USA-                     | b. guy                          |
| 3. he ordered 50 family-        | c. plane                        |
| 4. known for being              | d. back to the plane            |
| 5. pizza for the entire         | e. sized pizzas                 |
| 6. his airline is like          | f. my whole plane               |
| 7. one of our pilots has gone   | g. for his hungry passengers    |
| 8. the pizza delivery           | h. a giant family               |
| 9. helped carry the pizzas      | i. above and beyond             |
| 10. I need to feed              | j. based Frontier Airlines      |

## Discussion – Student B

- What's the best food to eat on an airplane?
- What's the best and worst food you've had on an airplane?
- Do you ever have any contact with pilots on airplanes?
- What other workers provide great care for customers?
- Should we all get free pizza if planes and trains are delayed?
- Will you ask for pizza if your next flight is delayed?
- What's the best airline in the world?
- What questions would you like to ask the pilot?

## Spelling

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- ...was eyldade
- pizza redylevi
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- I need to feed my olwhe plane

### Answers – Synonym Match

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

## Role Play

### Role A – Airplane food

You think airplane food is the tastiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their food is not at all tasty. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): fast food, hospital food or camping food.

### Role B – Fast food

You think fast food is the tastiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their food is not at all tasty. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): airplane food, hospital food or camping food.

### Role C – Hospital food

You think hospital food is the tastiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their food is not at all tasty. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): fast food, airplane food or camping food.

### Role D – Camping food

You think camping food is the tastiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their food is not at all tasty. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): fast food, hospital food or airplane food.

## Speaking – Tasty food

Rank these with your partner. Put the tastiest at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • airplane food  | • frozen food         |
| • camping food   | • movie theatre food  |
| • fast food      | • hospital food       |
| • microwave food | • school canteen food |

### Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	T	d	F	e	F	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.