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Airline boss promises pilots bonus to keep flying

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THE READING

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Europe's biggest low-cost airline promised better pay and working conditions for pilots to stop them leaving the company. Ryanair wrote to its 4,200 pilots about their concerns. It offered them salary increases and loyalty bonuses. One pilot said this was, "too little, too late". He said there was a lack of basic benefits for pilots, who had to pay for water, coffee, meals and even their own uniform. He added: "People have just had enough of the toxic atmosphere."

Ryanair is trying to repair the damage done to its image after a mistake with pilot holidays. This mistake led to 20,000 cancelled flights because of a lack of available pilots. This affected 700,000 passengers. An industry analyst said the airline had disrespected pilots. He said Ryanair was "being forced to backpedal" and meet pilots' pay demands. Ryanair is confident that pilots will stay. It said: "We are a very secure employer in a very insecure industry."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. better pay and working | a. water |
| 2. wrote to its 4,200 pilots about | b. increases |
| 3. It offered them salary | c. atmosphere |
| 4. too little, too | d. conditions |
| 5. a lack of basic benefits | e. had enough |
| 6. pay for | f. their concerns |
| 7. People have just | g. for pilots |
| 8. toxic | h. late |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. repair the damage | a. demands |
| 2. 20,000 cancelled | b. analyst |
| 3. This affected 700,000 | c. industry |
| 4. industry | d. done to its image |
| 5. Ryanair was being forced to | e. flights |
| 6. meet pilots' pay | f. will stay |
| 7. Ryanair is confident that pilots | g. backpedal |
| 8. in a very insecure | h. passengers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Europe's biggest (1) _____ promised better pay and working conditions for (2) _____ them leaving the company. Ryanair wrote to its 4,200 pilots (3) _____. It offered them salary increases and (4) _____. One pilot said this was, "too little, too late". He said there (5) _____ basic benefits for pilots, who had to pay for water, coffee, meals and even their own uniform. He added: "People have just had enough (6) _____ atmosphere."

Ryanair is trying to repair the damage done (7) _____ after a mistake with pilot holidays. This (8) _____ 20,000 cancelled flights because of a (9) _____ pilots. This affected 700,000 passengers. (10) _____ said the airline had disrespected pilots. He said Ryanair was "being (11) _____" and meet pilots' pay demands. Ryanair is confident that pilots will stay. It said: "We are a very secure employer in (12) _____ industry."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PILOTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about pilots 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.

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) _____

