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Holland's king reveals secret life as pilot

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THE ARTICLE

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Next time you take a flight, you just never know who might be at the controls. It could be a king. Holland's King Willem-Alexander has just revealed he has been secretly flying planes for the Dutch carrier KLM for the past 21 years, completely unbeknown to his passengers. The 50-year-old king got his military pilot's license as a member of the Royal Netherlands Air Force when he was in his twenties. He developed a love of flying and trained to become a commercial pilot. He revealed his secret life as a pilot in an interview with Dutch media. He flew for KLM twice a month. The king said he was now preparing to upgrade his skills. He is back on the aircraft simulator to train to fly Boeing 737s.

King Willem-Alexander told reporters that his passion for flying meant he could relieve all stress while up in the skies. He explained: "You have an aircraft, passengers and crew. You have responsibility for them. You can't take your problems from the ground into the skies. You can completely disengage and concentrate on something else. That, for me, is the most relaxing part of flying." He said it was easy to keep his anonymity while flying, and that very few passengers ever knew he was piloting their plane. He said: "I always say that I wish everyone a heartfelt welcome on behalf of the captain and the crew. I don't have to say my own name, but most people don't listen anyway."

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WARM-UPS

1. SECRET LIFE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about secret life. 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?

flight / controls / secretly / passengers / pilot / love / secret life / upgrade / skills / passion / stress / aircraft / crew / responsibility / sky / flying / anonymity / welcome

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

3. ROYALS: Students A **strongly** believe royals should also work in "normal" jobs; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't because they are already very, very busy being royals. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PILOT: What kind of life do these pilots have? Would you want it? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

Kind of pilot	Good things	Bad things	Is it for you?
Commercial airliner			
Private jets for celebrities			
Jet fighter			
Hot-air balloon			
Cruise ship			
Space rocket			

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

6. FLYING: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about flying at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the food
- the flight attendants
- in-flight entertainment
- the airplane seats
- taking off
- being up in the air
- duty free shopping
- landing

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170520-secret-life.html>

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

- a. Holland's King Willem-Alexander has been flying planes for 21 years. **T / F**
- b. King Willem-Alexander became a commercial pilot in his twenties. **T / F**
- c. King Willem-Alexander flew twice a month for KLM. **T / F**
- d. King Willem-Alexander is training to fly Boeing 737s. **T / F**
- e. Flying helps get rid of the king's stress. **T / F**
- f. The king said you could take your problems into the skies. **T / F**
- g. The king said keeping his anonymity was very difficult. **T / F**
- h. The king had to say his name in the cockpit many times. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. secretly | a. sincere |
| 2. developed | b. improve |
| 3. revealed | c. greet |
| 4. upgrade | d. evolved |
| 5. train | e. focus |
| 6. passion | f. disclosed |
| 7. concentrate | g. team |
| 8. heartfelt | h. on the quiet |
| 9. welcome | i. love |
| 10. crew | j. learn |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. you just never know who might be | a. all stress |
| 2. completely unbeknown | b. simulator |
| 3. when he was in | c. for flying meant |
| 4. he was now preparing to | d. to his passengers |
| 5. aircraft | e. of the captain |
| 6. his passion | f. at the controls |
| 7. he could relieve | g. on something else |
| 8. concentrate | h. upgrade his skills |
| 9. it was easy to keep his | i. his twenties |
| 10. on behalf | j. anonymity while flying |

GAP FILL

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secretly

secret

take

license

simulator

love

flew

unbeknown

King Willem-Alexander told reporters that his (9) _____ for flying meant he could relieve all (10) _____ while up in the skies. He explained: "You have an aircraft, passengers and crew. You have (11) _____ for them. You can't take your problems from the ground into the (12) _____. You can completely disengage and concentrate on something else. That, for me, is the most relaxing part of flying." He said it was (13) _____ to keep his anonymity while flying, and that very few passengers ever knew he was (14) _____ their plane. He said: "I always say that I wish everyone a heartfelt welcome on (15) _____ of the captain and the crew. I don't have to say my own name, but most people don't listen (16) _____."

responsibility

passion

anyway

easy

behalf

stress

piloting

skies

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Next time you take a flight, you just never know who might _____
 - a. be on the controls
 - b. beat the controls
 - c. by that the controls
 - d. be at the controls
- 2) secretly flying planes for the Dutch carrier KLM for _____
 - a. the parsed 21 years
 - b. the passed 21 years
 - c. the past 21 years
 - d. the psst 21 years
- 3) He developed a love of flying and trained to become _____
 - a. a commercially pilot
 - b. a commercial pilot
 - c. a commercial pilots
 - d. a commercialized pilot
- 4) He revealed his secret life as a pilot in an interview _____
 - a. with Dutch medium
 - b. within Dutch media
 - c. without Dutch media
 - d. with Dutch media
- 5) He is back on the aircraft simulator to train to _____
 - a. flight Boeing 737s
 - b. fly Boeing 747s
 - c. flies Boeing 747s
 - d. fly Boeing 737s
- 6) his passion for flying meant he could relieve all stress _____ skies
 - a. while upping the
 - b. while upper in the
 - c. while up in the
 - d. while up pin the
- 7) He explained: "You have an aircraft, passengers _____."
 - a. and clue
 - b. and crew
 - c. and craw
 - d. and claw
- 8) You can completely disengage and concentrate _____
 - a. on something else
 - b. ton something else
 - c. on some things else
 - d. on something or else
- 9) He said it was easy to keep his _____ flying
 - a. a non a mighty while
 - b. a non almighty while
 - c. a non all mighty while
 - d. anonymity while
- 10) I always say that I wish everyone a heartfelt welcome on _____ captain
 - a. bee half of a
 - b. behind of the
 - c. behalf of the
 - d. behalf of a

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170520-secret-life.html>

1. For how long has King Willem-Alexander been flying for KLM?
2. How old was the king when he got his military pilot's license?
3. What did King Willem-Alexander develop a love of?
4. How often did King Willem-Alexander fly for KLM?
5. What kind of aircraft is King Willem-Alexander learning to fly?
6. What did the king say he could relieve while up in the skies?
7. Who did the king say he had a responsibility for?
8. What did the king say it was easy to keep while flying?
9. On whose behalf did the king welcome people?
10. What did the king not have to say?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170520-secret-life.html>

- 1) For how long has King Willem-Alexander been flying for KLM?
 - a) 2 years
 - b) 21 years
 - c) since 1987
 - d) a decade and a half
- 2) How old was the king when he got his military pilot's license?
 - a) he was in his late teens
 - b) 32
 - c) 22
 - d) he was in his 20s
- 3) What did King Willem-Alexander develop a love of?
 - a) flying
 - b) Boeing aircraft
 - c) turbulence
 - d) the Air Force
- 4) How often did King Willem-Alexander fly for KLM?
 - a) twice a week
 - b) twice a year
 - c) twice a month
 - d) twice
- 5) What kind of aircraft is King Willem-Alexander learning to fly?
 - a) Boeing 777s
 - b) Boeing 737s
 - c) Boeing 747s
 - d) Boeing 787s
- 6) What did the king say he could relieve while up in the skies?
 - a) stress
 - b) the captain
 - c) pain
 - d) himself
- 7) Who did the king say he had a responsibility for?
 - a) the Dutch people
 - b) princes and princesses
 - c) passengers and crew
 - d) airport staff
- 8) What did the king say it was easy to keep while flying?
 - a) his anonymity
 - b) his sanity
 - c) his brain functioning
 - d) his dream alive
- 9) On whose behalf did the king welcome people?
 - a) the captain and crew
 - b) the Dutch royal family
 - c) the Dutch people
 - d) aircraft engineers
- 10) What did the king not have to say?
 - a) H8-737-A
 - b) a secret
 - c) a flight number
 - d) his name

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Airplane Food

You think the food is the best thing about flying. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the in-flight entertainment, the flight attendants or taking off.

Role B – In-Flight Entertainment

You think the in-flight entertainment is the best thing about flying. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the food, the flight attendants or taking off.

Role C – Flight Attendants

You think the flight attendants are the best things about flying. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the in-flight entertainment, the food or taking off.

Role D – Taking Off

You think taking off is the best thing about flying. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the in-flight entertainment, the flight attendants or the food.

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 'secret' and 'life'.

secret	life
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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">• controls• just• 21• love• media• back	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• stress• them• me• few• wish• listen
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SECRET LIFE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about secret life 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.

SECRET LIFE DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'king'?
3. What kind of secret life would you like to lead?
4. What do you think of the king for flying?
5. Should the king get a salary for his flights?
6. Who would you like to be pilot of your plane?
7. Would you like to learn to fly?
8. What do you think it's like to be a pilot?
9. Do you think KLM should have told passengers the pilot was the king?
10. What skills would you like to upgrade?

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SECRET LIFE 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 'king'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Do you get to follow your passion every day?
15. What do you do to relieve your stress?
16. Are you good at keeping secrets?
17. What is the most and least relaxing part of flying?
18. How important is it to keep your anonymity?
19. Should all kings and other royals do normal jobs too?
20. What questions would you like to ask King Willem-Alexander?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. | (a) flight | (b) flightless | (c) flighty | (d) flight path |
| 2. | (a) revered | (b) delivered | (c) revealed | (d) reviled |
| 3. | (a) unbecoming | (b) unreasonable | (c) unbeknown | (d) unfathomable |
| 4. | (a) twentyfold | (b) twentieth | (c) twenty | (d) twenties |
| 5. | (a) secrecy | (b) secreted | (c) secret | (d) secretion |
| 6. | (a) simulation | (b) simulator | (c) stimulator | (d) stimulus |
| 7. | (a) persuasion | (b) passion | (c) parsing | (d) potions |
| 8. | (a) responsive | (b) responsibility | (c) responsibly | (d) responsiveness |
| 9. | (a) entire | (b) another | (c) else | (d) whole |
| 10. | (a) whiled | (b) whiles | (c) whole | (d) while |
| 11. | (a) behemoth | (b) beheld | (c) behave | (d) behalf |
| 12. | (a) frown | (b) mown | (c) down | (d) own |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. completely nbnnkwueo to his passengers
2. got his rmiltiya pilot's license
3. trained to become a craolicmem pilot
4. He edvalere his secret life as a pilot
5. preparing to dgaprue his skills
6. back on the aircraft isltoruum

Paragraph 2

7. he could ivleeer all stress
8. You can completely eigsendag
9. cnteoatrnce on something else
10. it was easy to keep his naintomyy
11. a tfehltare welcome
12. on lbhefa of the captain and the crew

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () media. He flew for KLM twice a month. The king said he was now preparing to upgrade
- () carrier KLM for the past 21 years, completely unbeknown to his passengers. The 50-year-old king got his military pilot's
- () his skills. He is back on the aircraft simulator to train to fly Boeing 737s.
- () of flying and trained to become a commercial pilot. He revealed his secret life as a pilot in an interview with Dutch
- () piloting their plane. He said: "I always say that I wish everyone a heartfelt welcome on
- () King Willem-Alexander told reporters that his passion for flying meant he could relieve all
- () on something else. That, for me, is the most relaxing part of flying." He said it was easy to keep his
- (**1**) Next time you take a flight, you just never know who might be at the controls. It could be a
- () anonymity while flying, and that very few passengers ever knew he was
- () behalf of the captain and the crew. I don't have to say my own name, but most people don't listen anyway."
- () license as a member of the Royal Netherlands Air Force when he was in his twenties. He developed a love
- () for them. You can't take your problems from the ground into the skies. You can completely disengage and concentrate
- () king. Holland's King Willem-Alexander has just revealed he has been secretly flying planes for the Dutch
- () stress while up in the skies. He explained: "You have an aircraft, passengers and crew. You have responsibility

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. the just who at You know be controls never might .
2. for KLM been planes carrier has flying the He secretly Dutch .
3. 50 The license pilot's military his got king old - year - .
4. secret life as a pilot in an interview He revealed his .
5. Boeing train aircraft back 737s to simulator on He fly to the is .
6. for he all passion meant relieve His flying could stress .
7. into the skies You can't take your problems from the ground .
8. the is , me for , That flying of part relaxing most .
9. anonymity while flying He said it was easy to keep his .
10. welcome on behalf of the captain I wish everyone a heartfelt .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Next time you take a *fly / flight*, you just never know who might be at the *controlling / controls*. It could be a king. Holland's King Willem-Alexander has just revealed he has been *secretly / secret* flying planes for the Dutch carrier KLM for the *past / passed* 21 years, completely unbeknown *of / to* his passengers. The 50-year-old king got his military pilot's license *was / as* a member of the Royal Netherlands Air Force when he was in his twenties. He developed a *love / lover* of flying and trained to become a commercial pilot. He *revealed / revels* his secret life as a pilot in an interview with Dutch media. He flew for KLM twice a month. The king said he was now preparing to upgrade *this / his* skills. He is *back / front* on the aircraft simulator to train to fly Boeing 737s.

King Willem-Alexander told reporters that his *passionate / passion* for flying meant he could *relieve / relive* all stress while up in the skies. He explained: "You have an aircraft, *passengers / passenger* and crew. You have *responsibility / responsible* for them. You can't take your problems from the ground into the skies. You can completely disengage and concentrate *in / on* something else. That, for me, is the most *relaxing / relax* part of flying." He said it was easy to keep his anonymity while flying, and that *very / much* few passengers ever knew he was piloting their plane. He said: "I always say that I wish everyone a *heartfelt / heartache* welcome on *before / behalf* of the captain and the crew. I don't have to say my own name, but *much / most* people don't listen anyway."

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_xt t_m_ y__ t_k_ _ fl_gh_t, y__ j_st n_v_r kn_w wh_
m_gh_t b__ t th_ c_ntr_ls. _t c__ld b__ k_ng. H_ll_nd's
K_ng W_ll_m-_l_x_nd_r h_s j_st r_v__l_d h_ h_s b__n
s_cr_tly fly_ng pl_n_s f_r th_ D_tch c_rr__r KLM f_r th_
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p_ss_ng_rs. Th_ 50-y__r-_ld k_ng g_t h_s m_l_t_ry
p_l_t's l_c_ns__s _m_mb_r _f th_ R_y_l N_th_rl_nds
__r F_rc_ wh_n h_ w_s _n h_s tw_nt__s. H_ d_v_l_p_d
_l_v__f fly_ng _nd tr__n_d t_ b_c_m__ c_mm_rc__l
p_l_t. H_ r_v__l_d h_s s_cr_t_l_f__s _p_l_t_n_n
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f_r fly_ng m__nt h_ c__ld r_l__v__ll str_ss wh_l_ _p
n th sk__s. H_ _xpl__n_d: "Y__ h_v__n __rcr_ft,
p_ss_ng_rs _nd cr_w. Y__ h_v__r sp_ns_b_l_t_y f_r
th_m. Y__ c_n't t_k_ y__r pr_bl_ms fr_m th_ gr__nd
nt th_ sk__s. Y__ c_n c_mpl_t_ly d_s_ng_g__nd
c_nc_ntr_t__n s_m_th_ng _ls_. Th_t, f_r m_, _s th_
m_st r_l_x_ng p_r_t _f fly_ng." H_ s__d _t w_s __sy t_
k__p h_s _n_nym_ty wh_l_ fly_ng, _nd th_t v_ry f_w
p_ss_ng_rs _v_r kn_w h_ w_s p_l_t_ng th__r pl_n_. H_
s__d: "_ _lw_ys s_y th_t _w_sh _v_ry_n_ _h__rtf_l_t
w_lc_m__n b_h_lf _f th_ c_pt__n _nd th_ cr_w. _
d_n't h_v_ t_ s_y my _wn_n_m_, b_t m_st p__pl_ d_n't
l_st_n _nyw_y."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

3. HOLLAND'S KING: Make a poster about Holland's King Willem-Alexander. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. A SECRET LIFE: Write a magazine article about kings and other royals having a secret life. 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 kings. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what kings can do to live more normal lives. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. secretly | a. on the quiet |
| 2. developed | b. evolved |
| 3. revealed | c. disclosed |
| 4. upgrade | d. improve |
| 5. train | e. learn |
| 6. passion | f. love |
| 7. concentrate | g. focus |
| 8. heartfelt | h. sincere |
| 9. welcome | i. greet |
| 10. crew | j. team |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. 21 years
2. In his twenties
3. Flying
4. Twice a month
5. Boeing 737s
6. Stress
7. Passengers and crew
8. His anonymity
9. The captain and crew
10. His name

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 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 ;-)