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**Level 0 – 30th September, 2021**

## **Turtle's walk delays planes at Tokyo airport**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle-0.html>

There are many reasons for delays to airplanes. Five airplanes at an airport in Japan were delayed because of a small turtle.

The turtle went for a walk on the airport runway. A pilot was waiting to take off when he saw it. The airport closed the runway. Airport staff found the turtle. They caught it with a net. The turtle was not hurt.

The turtle lived in a pond near the airport. It got into the airport under a fence. After staff caught it, an A380 airplane from the Japanese airline ANA took off. Strangely, the plane was painted in a turtle design. ANA said this was because turtles bring good luck. It hopes the turtle will bring a "bright future" to everyone.

Sources: <https://the-japan-news.com/news/article/0007810712>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/sep/28/turtle-slow-moving-reptile-delays-five-planes-at-japan-airport>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. There are many reasons | a. the turtle        |
| 2. delayed because        | b. for a walk        |
| 3. The turtle went        | c. not hurt          |
| 4. A pilot was waiting    | d. the runway        |
| 5. The airport closed     | e. for delays        |
| 6. Airport staff found    | f. a net             |
| 7. They caught it with    | g. to take off       |
| 8. The turtle was         | h. of a small turtle |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The turtle lived              | a. Japanese airline |
| 2. near the                      | b. good luck        |
| 3. It got into the airport under | c. caught it        |
| 4. After staff                   | d. to everyone      |
| 5. A380 airplane from the        | e. in a pond        |
| 6. the plane was painted in      | f. airport          |
| 7. turtles bring                 | g. a turtle design  |
| 8. bring a bright future         | h. a fence          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ delays to airplanes. Five airplanes at an airport in Japan (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of a small turtle. The turtle (3) \_\_\_\_\_ walk on the airport runway. A pilot was waiting (4) \_\_\_\_\_ when he saw it. The airport closed the runway. Airport (5) \_\_\_\_\_ turtle. They caught it with a net. The turtle (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The turtle lived in (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the airport. It got into the airport (8) \_\_\_\_\_. After staff caught it, an A380 airplane from the Japanese (9) \_\_\_\_\_ off. Strangely, the plane was painted in (10) \_\_\_\_\_. ANA said this was because turtles (11) \_\_\_\_\_. It hopes the turtle will bring a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# TURTLES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about turtles 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) \_\_\_\_\_

