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Level 2 – 1st June 2023

Chinese airliner makes first commercial flight

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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China is now making airplanes. The first Chinese-made airplane with passengers took off from Shanghai on Sunday and landed at Beijing. The C919 plane was made by the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China Ltd. This is shortened to "COMAC". China's president called the C919 aircraft a "triumph of Chinese innovation". Newspapers in China called it "a symbol of industrial skill and national pride". A passenger said: "The flight was extremely smooth, comfortable and memorable. I'll remember it fondly for some time to come."

COMAC hopes to compete with airline industry giants, like Boeing and Airbus. It started developing the C919 in 2008. Production began in 2011. In September 2022, it was passed to fly commercially in China. COMAC's first customer was China Eastern Airlines. COMAC plans to build 150 planes each year for the next five years. It has orders for more than 1,000 C919s from different Chinese airlines. It hopes to get international orders. COMAC said its airplane was an "important milestone" for China's aircraft industry.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. China is now | a. fondly |
| 2. The first Chinese- | b. off from Shanghai |
| 3. passengers took | c. extremely smooth |
| 4. landed | d. made airplane |
| 5. national | e. to come |
| 6. The flight was | f. making airplanes |
| 7. I'll remember it | g. pride |
| 8. for some time | h. at Beijing |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. compete with airline | a. orders |
| 2. It started developing | b. industry |
| 3. Production | c. began in 2011 |
| 4. it was passed to | d. the next five years |
| 5. each year for | e. milestone |
| 6. It hopes to get international | f. industry giants |
| 7. its airplane was an important | g. the C919 in 2008 |
| 8. China's aircraft | h. fly commercially |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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COMAC hopes (7) _____ airline industry giants, like Boeing and Airbus. It (8) _____ C919 in 2008. Production began in 2011. In September 2022, it was (9) _____ commercially in China. COMAC's first customer was China Eastern Airlines. COMAC plans to build 150 planes (10) _____ the next five years. It has orders for more than 1,000 C919s from different Chinese airlines. It (11) _____ international orders. COMAC said its airplane was (12) _____ for China's aircraft industry.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AIRPLANES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about airplanes 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) _____

