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Finding cause of Asiana crash could take years

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THE READING

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Air crash examiners said it could take years to find out why an Asiana Airlines flight crash-landed at San Francisco's airport on Saturday. Head investigator Deborah Hersman said it was too early to think about any pilots' mistakes. Many analysts already said that it probably wasn't an engine problem. They said the Boeing 777 aircraft has a great safety record. We do know that the plane was flying too slowly as it landed.

After firefighters put out the fire, survivors talked about the horror of getting off the plane. They said it was a miracle that 305 people got out alive, although two Chinese students died. Passengers praised the professionalism, quick thinking and unselfishness of the cabin crew. One of the smaller attendants, Jiyeon Kim, carried passengers on her back. One survivor called her "a hero". He said she calmly helped everyone, even though she was crying a lot.

Sources: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/news/2013/07/06/ntsb-airline-crash/2495621/>
<http://stream.wsj.com/story/latest-headlines/SS-2-63399/SS-2-271293/>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. Air crash | a. why |
| 2. find out | b. to think about |
| 3. it was too early | c. examiners |
| 4. it probably wasn't an engine | d. safety record |
| 5. the Boeing 777 aircraft has a great | e. as it landed |
| 6. the plane was flying too slowly | f. problem |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. firefighters put | a. helped everyone |
| 2. the horror of getting | b. crying a lot |
| 3. 305 people got | c. thinking |
| 4. quick | d. out the fire |
| 5. she calmly | e. off the plane |
| 6. she was | f. out alive |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ it could take years to find out why an Asiana Airlines (2) _____ at San Francisco's airport on Saturday. Head investigator Deborah Hersman said it was (3) _____ about any pilots' mistakes. Many analysts (4) _____ probably (5) _____. They said the Boeing 777 aircraft has a great safety record. We do know that (6) _____ slowly as it landed.

After firefighters (7) _____, survivors talked about the horror (8) _____ plane. They said it was a miracle that 305 (9) _____, although two Chinese students died. Passengers praised the professionalism, quick thinking (10) _____ the cabin crew. (11) _____ attendants, Jiyeon Kim, carried passengers on her back. One survivor called her "a hero". He said she calmly helped everyone, (12) _____ crying a lot.

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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

