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Finding cause of Asiana crash could take years

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THE ARTICLE

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As firefighters extinguished the last of the flames from the burning wreckage, survivors described the horror of escaping from the aircraft. They said it was a miracle that 305 of the 307 people on board made it out alive. Two Chinese students died in the accident. Passengers were quick to praise the professionalism, quick thinking and selflessness of the flight attendants, one of whom hauled an injured passenger to safety. Frequent Asiana flyer Eugene Rah recounted the heroism of flight attendant Jiyeon Kim, saying: "She was a hero. This tiny, little girl was carrying people piggyback, running everywhere, with tears running down her face. She was crying, but she was still so calm and helping people."

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/>

WARM-UPS

1. AIRPLANES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about airplanes. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

air crash / investigators / airport / pilot error / safety record / conclusions / runway / firefighters / survivors / miracle / professionalism / selflessness / heroism / piggyback

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

3. HEROISM: Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Heroes	How big a hero?	Dangers they face	Your message to them
Flight attendants			
Firefighters			
Police officers			
Soldiers			
Nurses			
Astronauts			

4. SAFEST: Students A **strongly** believe flying is the safest way to travel; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. FLIGHT ATTENDANTS: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the most important at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- nice uniform
- brings meal / drinks quickly
- always smiling
- good in emergencies
- nice looking
- sense of humour
- courteous
- honest

6. PILOT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'pilot'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130709-air_crash.html

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. Investigators said it would take 3 years to find the cause of the crash. | T / F |
| b. A transportation boss believes the crash was due to pilot error. | T / F |
| c. Industry experts have pretty much discounted mechanical error. | T / F |
| d. The plane wasn't travelling fast enough to land. | T / F |
| e. Survivors have said little about what happened. | T / F |
| f. Many passengers have commended the actions of the cabin crew. | T / F |
| g. A flight attendant rescued a passenger by carrying them on her back. | T / F |
| h. The flight attendant did not cry while carrying out the rescue. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. investigators | a. wonder |
| 2. exact | b. referring to |
| 3. error | c. put out |
| 4. citing | d. commend |
| 5. approached | e. detectives |
| 6. extinguished | f. bravery |
| 7. miracle | g. precise |
| 8. praise | h. composed |
| 9. heroism | i. moved toward |
| 10. calm | j. miscalculation |

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

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. determine the | a. error was involved |
| 2. it was too | b. to safety |
| 3. unlikely that mechanical | c. approached the runway |
| 4. citing the excellent | d. piggyback |
| 5. flying too slowly as it | e. exact cause |
| 6. firefighters extinguished the | f. running down her face |
| 7. quick to praise | g. early to say |
| 8. hauled an injured passenger | h. safety record |
| 9. carrying people | i. the professionalism |
| 10. with tears | j. last of the flames |

GAP FILL

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error

conclusions

cause

analysts

approached

determine

citing

pilot

As firefighters (9) _____ the last of the flames from the burning wreckage, survivors described the (10) _____ of escaping from the aircraft. They said it was a miracle that 305 of the 307 people on board (11) _____ it out alive. Two Chinese students died in the accident. Passengers were quick to (12) _____ the professionalism, quick thinking and (13) _____ of the flight attendants, one of whom hauled an injured passenger to safety. Frequent Asiana flyer Eugene Rah recounted the (14) _____ of flight attendant Jiyeon Kim, saying: "She was a hero. This tiny, little girl was carrying people (15) _____, running everywhere, with tears (16) _____ down her face. She was crying, but she was still so calm and helping people."

heroism

made

running

horror

selflessness

piggyback

extinguished

praise

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) Air crash investigators have said it could take years to determine _____
 - a. the exact causes
 - b. the exact caused
 - c. the exact cause
 - d. the exact causal
- 2) it was too early to say whether or not the accident was the _____
 - a. result of pilot's error
 - b. result of piloting error
 - c. result of pilot error
 - d. result of pilots' error
- 3) it was very unlikely that mechanical _____
 - a. error was involved
 - b. error was involves
 - c. error was involving
 - d. error was involvement
- 4) conclusions about what caused the crash are months, _____
 - a. if not years, apart
 - b. if not years, a way
 - c. if not years, around
 - d. if not years, away
- 5) the plane was flying too slowly as it _____
 - a. approached the runaway
 - b. approached the run weigh
 - c. approached the runway
 - d. approached the runways
- 6) firefighters extinguished the last of the flames from _____
 - a. the burning wreckage
 - b. the burnt wreckage
 - c. the burned in wreckage
 - d. the burned out wreckage
- 7) it was a miracle that 305 of the 307 people on board _____
 - a. did it out alive
 - b. made it out alive
 - c. got it out alive
 - d. had it out alive
- 8) Passengers were quick to praise the professionalism, quick _____
 - a. thinking and selfishness
 - b. thinking and senselessness
 - c. thinking and selfless mess
 - d. thinking and selflessness
- 9) the flight attendants, one of whom _____ passenger to safety
 - a. hauled an injured
 - b. hailed an injured
 - c. hurled an injured
 - d. holed an injured
- 10) She was a hero. This tiny, little girl was carrying _____
 - a. people pig give back
 - b. people piggy on back
 - c. people pig and back
 - d. people piggyback

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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As firefighters (7) _____ of the flames from the burning wreckage, survivors described the horror of escaping from the aircraft. They said (8) _____ 305 of the 307 people on board made it out alive. Two Chinese students died in the accident. Passengers were quick to praise the professionalism, quick (9) _____ the flight attendants, one of whom hauled an injured passenger to safety. Frequent Asiana flyer Eugene Rah (10) _____ flight attendant Jiyeon Kim, saying: "She was a hero. This tiny, little girl was (11) _____, running everywhere, with tears running down her face. She was crying, (12) _____ and helping people."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. Who said it could take years to find the cause of the crash?

2. Who said it was too early to think about pilot error?

3. What have experts kind of ruled out?

4. What is Kevin Hiatt's job?

5. What is known about the plane's approach to the airport?

6. How many people were on board the plane?

7. How many survivors were there?

8. Who did passengers say were quick-thinking?

9. How did one flight attendant rescue a passenger?

10. What was running down the face of the flight attendant?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130709-air_crash.html

1. Who said it could take years to find the cause of the crash?
 - a) an aviation journalist
 - b) the pilot
 - c) the boss of Boeing
 - d) air crash investigators
2. Who said it was too early to think about pilot error?
 - a) the co-pilot
 - b) the head of a U.S. safety board
 - c) the head of a pilots' union
 - d) a survivor
3. What have experts kind of ruled out?
 - a) letting the pilot fly back to Seoul
 - b) grounding all 777s
 - c) mechanical failure
 - d) blaming the airport
4. What is Kevin Hiatt's job?
 - a) CEO
 - b) air traffic controller
 - c) Boeing safety engineer
 - d) test pilot
5. What is known about the plane's approach to the airport?
 - a) it was at the wrong angle
 - b) nothing
 - c) it was too slow
 - d) it was too fast
6. How many people were on board the plane?
 - a) 308
 - b) 307
 - c) 306
 - d) 305
7. How many survivors were there?
 - a) 308
 - b) 307
 - c) 306
 - d) 305
8. Who did passengers say were quick-thinking?
 - a) the cabin crew
 - b) other passengers
 - c) the pilot
 - d) a firefighter
9. How did one flight attendant rescue a passenger?
 - a) on a trolley
 - b) pulled out of a window
 - c) by piggyback
 - d) using a fireproof sheet
10. What was running down the face of the flight attendant?
 - a) sweat
 - b) tears
 - c) blood
 - d) gasoline

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – By plane

You think plane is the safest way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't as safe with their forms of transport. Also, tell the others which is the least safe of these (and why): train, car or ship.

Role B – By train

You think train is the safest way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't as safe with their forms of transport. Also, tell the others which is the least safe of these (and why): plane, car or ship.

Role C – By car

You think car is the safest way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't as safe with their forms of transport. Also, tell the others which is the least safe of these (and why): train, plane or ship.

Role D – By ship

You think ship is the safest way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't as safe with their forms of transport. Also, tell the others which is the least safe of these (and why): train, car or plane.

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 'flight' and 'attendant'.

flight	attendant
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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">• exact• head• early• unlikely• record• slowly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• last• miracle• quick• hero• girl• calm
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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.

AIRPLANES DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'airplane'?
- c) Why could it take years to find out why the plane crashed?
- d) How can airlines reduce pilot error?
- e) Is autopilot safer than a human pilot?
- f) Has this crash made you more worried about flying?
- g) Do you ever worry when you're on a plane?
- h) What advice would you have for anyone afraid of flying?
- i) Which do you least like – takeoff, landing, or the cruising at altitude?
- j) Have you ever had a bad experience on a plane?

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AIRPLANES DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) How lucky were the 305 people who survived?
- c) Do you think it would be difficult for the survivors to fly again?
- d) How difficult is the job of a flight attendant?
- e) How do you think they can be trained to not panic in an emergency?
- f) What do you think of the flight attendant mentioned in the article?
- g) How do you think you'd cope or act in such an emergency situation?
- h) What will airplane safety be like in 50 years from now?
- i) How do you think we could make flying safer?
- j) What questions would you like to ask an aviation expert?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) determiner | (b) determination | (c) determine | (d) deter |
| 2. | (a) exact | (b) exactness | (c) exactly | (d) exacted |
| 3. | (a) mistake | (b) error | (c) fault | (d) blame |
| 4. | (a) indicting | (b) biting | (c) alighting | (d) citing |
| 5. | (a) concludes | (b) conclusive | (c) conclusions | (d) conclaves |
| 6. | (a) was | (b) as | (c) is | (d) has |
| 7. | (a) wreckage | (b) detritus | (c) carnage | (d) kindling |
| 8. | (a) departure | (b) aisle | (c) immigration | (d) board |
| 9. | (a) selfless | (b) selfish | (c) selflessness | (d) selfishness |
| 10. | (a) healed | (b) holed | (c) hailed | (d) hauled |
| 11. | (a) softback | (b) piggyback | (c) outback | (d) quarterback |
| 12. | (a) running | (b) ruining | (c) raining | (d) raising |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Air crash roiesatntgvis
2. mdrieet the exact cause
3. unlikely that mechanical error was odviveln
4. icngti the excellent safety record
5. CEO of the Flight Safety nnuFtaiod
6. as it haacoprepd the runway

Paragraph 2

7. firefighters xesidituengh the last of the flames
8. the burning krwageec
9. it was a clmeari
10. elsfssnessel of the flight attendants
11. luaehd an injured passenger to safety
12. carrying people kpycbgagi

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () described the horror of escaping from the aircraft. They said it was a miracle that 305 of the 307 people on
- () an injured passenger to safety. Frequent Asiana flyer Eugene Rah recounted the
- () heroism of flight attendant Jiyeon Kim, saying: "She was a hero. This tiny, little girl was carrying people
- (**1**) Air crash investigators have said it could take years to determine the exact cause
- () Foundation, told reporters that any conclusions about what caused the crash are months, if not
- () years, away. What is known is that the plane was flying too slowly as it approached the runway.
- () As firefighters extinguished the last of the flames from the burning wreckage, survivors
- () of why an Asiana Airlines flight crash-landed at San Francisco's airport on Saturday. Deborah Hersman, head of the
- () praise the professionalism, quick thinking and selflessness of the flight attendants, one of whom hauled
- () board made it out alive. Two Chinese students died in the accident. Passengers were quick to
- () USA's National Transportation Safety Board, said it was too early to say whether or not the accident
- () was the result of pilot error. Many analysts have already concluded that it was very unlikely that mechanical
- () error was involved, citing the excellent safety record of the Boeing 777 aircraft. Kevin Hiatt, CEO of the Flight Safety
- () piggyback, running everywhere, with tears running down her face. She was crying, but she was still so calm and helping people."

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. take determine cause could to exact It years the.

2. or Whether error pilot of result the was accident the not.

3. very mechanical involved was that was It unlikely error.

4. the record excellent Boeing of Citing 777 safety the.

5. as was slowly approached plane too it The flying.

6. of firefighters the extinguished flames the last As.

7. alive out it made board on people 307 the of 305.

8. praise to quick were Passengers professionalism the.

9. tiny girl people This little carrying , was piggyback.

10. she was people calm was crying and still She helping so ,.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Air crash investigators have said it could take years to *determine / deter* the *exact / exactly* cause of why an Asiana Airlines flight crash-landed at San Francisco's airport on Saturday. Deborah Hersman, head of the USA's National Transportation Safety Board, said it was too early to *talk / say* whether or *if / not* the accident was the result of pilot *fault / error*. Many analysts have already concluded that it was very *unlikelihood / unlikely* that mechanical error was involved, *citing / inciting* the *excellent / excellence* safety record of the Boeing 777 aircraft. Kevin Hiatt, CEO of the Flight Safety Foundation, told reporters that any conclusions about what caused the crash are months, *if now / not* years, away. What is known is that the plane was flying too slowly as it approached the *taxiway / runway*.

As firefighters *extinguished / distinguished* the last of the flames from the burning *wreckage / wrecking*, survivors described the horror of escaping from the aircraft. They said it was a *miraculous / miracle* that 305 of the 307 people on board made it out *live / alive*. Two Chinese students died in the accident. Passengers were quick to *praiseworthy / praise* the professionalism, quick thinking and *selflessness / selfishness* of the flight attendants, one of whom *hailed / hauled* an injured passenger to safety. Frequent Asiana flyer Eugene Rah *recounted / counted* the heroism of flight attendant Jiyeon Kim, saying: "She was a hero. This tiny, little girl was carrying people *quarterback / piggyback*, running everywhere, with tears *running / raining* down her face. She was crying, but she was still so calm and helping people."

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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__r cr_sh __nv__st_g_t_rs h_v__s__d__t c__ld t_k__y__rs
t__d__t_rm_n__ th__ __x__ct c__s__ __f why __n__s__n__
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__t __l_v__. Tw__ Ch_n_s__ st_d_n_t_s d__d __n th__
__cc_d__nt. P__ss_ng_rs w_r__ q__ck t__ pr__s__ th__
pr_f_ss__n_l_sm, q__ck th_nk_ng __nd s_lfl_ssn_ss __f
th__ fl_gh_t __tt_nd_n_t_s, __n__ __f wh_m h__l_d __n __nj_r_d
p__ss_ng_r t__s_f_ty. Fr_q__nt __s__n__ fly_r __g_n__ R_h
r_c__nt_d th__ h_r__sm __f fl_gh_t __tt_nd__nt J_y__n
K_m, s_y_ng: "Sh__w_s __h_r__. Th_s t_ny, l__ttl__g_rl
w_s c__rry_ng p__pl__ p_ggyb_ck, r_nn_ng __v_rywh_r__,
w_th t__rs r_nn_ng d_wn h_r_f_c__. Sh__w_s cry_ng, b_t
sh__w_s st_ll s__c_lm __nd h_lp_ng p__pl__."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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Statistics often say flying is the safest form of travel. Compare and contrast flying with other forms of travel.

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

3. AIRPLANE SAFETY: Make a poster about airplane safety. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CABIN CREW: Write a magazine article about the cabin crew in this story. Include imaginary interviews with them and a passenger.

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 airline safety expert. Ask him/her three questions about airplane safety. Give him/her three of your worries about flying. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. investigators | a. detectives |
| 2. exact | b. precise |
| 3. error | c. miscalculation |
| 4. citing | d. referring to |
| 5. approached | e. moved toward |
| 6. extinguished | f. put out |
| 7. miracle | g. wonder |
| 8. praise | h. commend |
| 9. heroism | i. bravery |
| 10. calm | j. composed |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Air crash investigators
2. Deborah Hersman (head of the National Transportation Safety Board)
3. Mechanical error
4. CEO
5. The plane was flying too slow
6. 307
7. 305
8. The flight attendants
9. By piggyback
10. Tears

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)