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Microsoft Flight Simulator includes all world airports

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Microsoft's Flight Simulator now includes all the world's airports. Gamers can choose over 37,000 airports to take off from and land at. The older game included 24,000 airports. The new game has international airports like New York's JFK. It also has tiny grassy landing strips and runways in the middle of deserts or on top of mountains. The airports have been manually designed to look like the real airports. Designers used satellite images to do this.

The graphics are better and more detailed in the new game. There are windsocks blowing in the wind and service vehicles driving around the runways. The runway markings in the game are like those on the real runways. The lead designer said: "To reach a new level, we needed a new approach. We decided to [use] real satellite pictures. This technique involves editing each airport manually." The result is that every airport is "a step closer to reality".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. take off from and | a. 24,000 airports |
| 2. The older game included | b. real airports |
| 3. international airports | c. to do this |
| 4. landing | d. of deserts |
| 5. in the middle | e. land at |
| 6. The airports have been manually | f. like New York's JFK |
| 7. look like the | g. strips |
| 8. Designers used satellite images | h. designed |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. The graphics are better and | a. approach |
| 2. There are windsocks blowing | b. airport manually |
| 3. service vehicles | c. in the wind |
| 4. To reach a | d. reality |
| 5. we needed a new | e. more detailed |
| 6. We decided to use real | f. new level |
| 7. This technique involves editing each | g. satellite pictures |
| 8. a step closer to | h. driving around |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Microsoft's Flight Simulator (1) _____ the world's airports. Gamers (2) _____ 37,000 airports to take off from (3) _____. The older game included 24,000 airports. The new game has international airports like New York's JFK. It also (4) _____ landing strips and runways in the middle of deserts or on top of mountains. The airports (5) _____ designed to look like the real airports. Designers used satellite (6) _____ this.

The graphics are better (7) _____ in the new game. There are windsocks (8) _____ wind and service vehicles driving around the runways. The runway markings in the game are (9) _____ the real runways. The lead designer said: "To reach (10) _____, we needed a new approach. We decided to [use] real satellite pictures. This technique (11) _____ airport manually." The result is that every airport is "a (12) _____ reality".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FLIGHT SIMULATORS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Flight simulators 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Flight simulators** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
