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**Level 2 – 30th September, 2021**

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

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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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There are many reasons for airport delays. Sometimes it's the weather, sometimes it's a technical problem, and other times it's a late passenger. Narita Airport in Japan found a new cause - a turtle going for a walk. Narita's runway closed for 12 minutes because a small turtle was on the tarmac. The pilot of an airplane waiting to take off saw the small reptile at around 11:35am. There was an immediate search for it. This caused the delay of five flights. Airport staff managed to locate the creature. They safely removed it with a net. They reported that it was unharmed.

An airport spokesperson said the turtle lived in a nearby pond. It got under the airport fence and crawled onto the runway. The turtle might have decided to sunbathe. It was warmer than usual at the airport for the time of the year. After the turtle was caught, an A380 airplane took off. By coincidence, it was painted in a turtle design. The plane was going to the island of Okinawa in the south of Japan. An airline spokesperson said: "Turtles are seen as bringing good luck. We hope this turtle, who came to see the flight off, signals a bright future."

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>  
<https://simpleflying.com/tokyo-tortoise-trouble/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. There are many reasons     | a. airplane            |
| 2. sometimes it's a technical | b. passenger           |
| 3. other times it's a late    | c. off                 |
| 4. a turtle going             | d. on the tarmac       |
| 5. a small turtle was         | e. for airport delays  |
| 6. The pilot of an            | f. locate the creature |
| 7. waiting to take            | g. problem             |
| 8. Airport staff managed to   | h. for a walk          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. An airport                 | a. future             |
| 2. the turtle lived           | b. the airport fence  |
| 3. It got under               | c. at the airport     |
| 4. crawled onto               | d. bringing good luck |
| 5. It was warmer than usual   | e. spokesperson       |
| 6. it was painted in a turtle | f. the runway         |
| 7. Turtles are seen as        | g. in a nearby pond   |
| 8. a bright                   | h. design             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An airport spokesperson said the turtle lived in (7) \_\_\_\_\_. It got under the airport fence and crawled onto the runway. The turtle might have (8) \_\_\_\_\_. It was (9) \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport for the time of the year. After the turtle was caught, an A380 airplane took off. By coincidence, it was painted in a turtle design. The plane was going to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Okinawa in the south of Japan. An airline spokesperson said: "Turtles are seen as (11) \_\_\_\_\_. We hope this turtle, who came to see the flight off, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ future."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# TURTLES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210930-turtle-2.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) \_\_\_\_\_

