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Level 1 – 1st June 2023

Chinese airliner makes first commercial flight

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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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The first Chinese-made airplane with passengers flew from Shanghai to Beijing on Sunday. The C919 plane was made by a company called COMAC. China's president called the C919 a "triumph of Chinese innovation". Newspapers called it "a symbol of skill and national pride". A passenger said: "The flight was extremely smooth and comfortable". He said he would remember it "for some time to come".

COMAC hopes to compete with companies like Boeing and Airbus. It started developing the C919 in 2008. In September 2022, it was passed to fly commercially in China. COMAC plans to build 150 planes each year for the next five years. It has orders for more than 1,000 C919s from Chinese airlines. It hopes to get international orders. COMAC said its airplane was an "important milestone" for China.

Sources: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-05-28/china-jet-to-rival-airbus-boeing-makes-first-commercial-flight>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The first Chinese- | a. smooth |
| 2. passengers flew | b. to come |
| 3. a triumph of Chinese | c. pride |
| 4. a symbol | d. from Shanghai |
| 5. national | e. of skill |
| 6. The flight was extremely | f. made airplane |
| 7. He said he | g. innovation |
| 8. for some time | h. would remember it |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. compete with companies | a. for China |
| 2. It started developing | b. next five years |
| 3. It started developing | c. the C919 |
| 4. fly | d. more than 1,000 C919s |
| 5. each year for the | e. orders |
| 6. It has orders for | f. like Boeing |
| 7. It hopes to get international | g. commercially |
| 8. an important milestone | h. the C919 in 2008 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The first Chinese-made (1) _____ flew from Shanghai to Beijing on Sunday. The C919 (2) _____ by a company called COMAC. China's president called the C919 (3) _____ Chinese innovation". Newspapers called it (4) _____ skill and national pride. A passenger said: "(5) _____ extremely smooth and comfortable". He said he would remember it "for some (6) _____".

COMAC (7) _____ with companies like Boeing and Airbus. (8) _____ the C919 in 2008. In September 2022, (9) _____ to fly commercially in China. COMAC (10) _____ 150 planes each year for the next five years. It has (11) _____ than 1,000 C919s from Chinese airlines. It hopes to get international orders. COMAC said its airplane (12) _____ milestone" for China.

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) _____

