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**AIR TRAVEL**

**10**  
**Questions**  
**Guaranteed**  
**to Tickle Your**  
**Curious Brain!**

Work with a classmate and try to answer these trivia questions about air travel.

Then watch the video to check your answers!

1. **When did the Montgolfier brothers of France invent the hot-air balloon?**
  - a) 1668
  - b) 1783
  - c) 1858
2. **When did the Wright brothers invent the first heavier-than-air aircraft?**
  - a) 1799
  - b) 1863
  - c) 1903
3. **At about what altitude (height) do most passenger jets fly?**
  - a) 1.2 miles (1.9 km)
  - b) 6.6 miles (10.6 km)
  - c) 20 miles (32.2 km)
4. **About how fast does a commercial passenger jet travel?**
  - a) 565 mph (909 kph)
  - b) 710 mph (1143 kph)
  - c) 927 mph (1492 kph)
5. **When did airlines in North America ban smoking on most domestic flights?**
  - a) 1978
  - b) 1990
  - c) 2001
6. **About what percentage of people have "aviophobia" – a fear of flying?**
  - a) 21%
  - b) 37.6%
  - c) 4.5%
7. **What did Robert Cusack try to smuggle in his pants onto an airplane in 2002?**
  - a) 2 monkeys
  - b) 1 chicken
  - c) 4 rabbits
8. **How many people does the world's largest passenger plane carry?**
  - a) 324
  - b) 945
  - c) 538
9. **How many people died in airplane crashes around the world in 2019?**
  - a) 257
  - b) 1,045
  - c) 14,883
10. **About how long does it take to fly from New York to Auckland, New Zealand?**
  - a) 12 hours
  - b) 18 hours
  - c) 24 hours

**9 – 10 = Flight Captain!**

**7 – 8 = Flight Attendant**

**6 or Less = Passenger**

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• **Watch the video again and try to answer these questions!**

1. What were the first three passengers on the Montgolfier brothers' hot-air balloon?

a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long was the Wright brothers' first flight in 1903?

\_\_\_\_\_ **seconds**

3. How close to space do most passenger jets fly?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the speed of sound?

\_\_\_\_\_ **miles per hour**

5. What is the possible fine for smoking on a domestic flight in the USA?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. Some people are afraid to fly because they fear a loss of . . .

\_\_\_\_\_

7. How long did Robert Cusack stay in jail for trying to smuggle monkeys?

\_\_\_\_\_ **days**

8. How many Economy Class seats are there in France's A380?

\_\_\_\_\_ **seats**

9. About how many people die in car crashes globally every year?

\_\_\_\_\_ **million people**

10. About how much is the cheapest return ticket from New York to Auckland, New Zealand?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Teaching Focus** 'Air Travel' Topic Introduction  
**Level** Intermediate to Advanced

**Time** Approx 30 mins

## ACTIVITY NOTES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UDFL9UjRfhQ>



### Page 1

- Use this multiple-choice quiz (5:22) to introduce the topic of **air travel**.
- Distribute one copy of the first page to your learners seated in pairs. Give them a set time limit (depending on their level) to read, discuss and answer the questions in pairs.
- You may want to ask your learners to compare a few of their answers with their other classmates.
- Play the video all the way through without stopping. As they watch, your learners can confirm their answers and correct any mistakes.

### Page 2 (optional extension activity)

- Distribute a copy of the second page to the same learners seated in pairs.
- Have your learners watch the video a second time and answer the questions.
- Elicit the answers from your students after the video has ended.

### Follow up Discussion (optional)

- Have learners follow up with these (or similar) questions related to the video:

*Why were animals used on the first balloon flight (and NOT humans)?*

*Why did a human fly the first airplane (and NOT an animal)?*

*Should people be allowed to smoke on airplanes? Why? / Why not?*

*Do you know anyone who is afraid to fly? If yes, who?*

*What is the longest flight you have ever taken?*

## ANSWER KEYS

### Page 1

1. b (1783)
2. c (1903)
3. b (6.6 miles)
4. a (565 mph)
5. b (1990)
6. c (4.5%)
7. a (2 monkeys)
8. c (538)
9. a (257)
10. b (18 hours)

### Page 2

1. sheep / duck / rooster
2. 12 seconds
3. 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the distance to space
4. 767 mph
5. \$4000
6. control
7. 57 days
8. 449
9. 1.35 million
10. \$4000

Remember to print in black-and-white or 'grayscale' to save on color ink!

