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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?

\$ _____