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READING

Airbus A380

The World's Largest Passenger Plane

Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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| 1. have in common | <u>E</u> | A. difficult or impossible to believe |
| 2. unbelievable | _____ | B. the most expensive, comfortable seats on a plane |
| 3. aircraft | _____ | C. without stopping |
| 4. first class | _____ | D. plane seats more expensive than economy class |
| 5. business class | _____ | E. be similar in some way to another person or thing |
| 6. economy class | _____ | F. the cheapest seats on a plane |
| 7. non-stop | _____ | G. any kind of machine that can fly |
| 8. jet lag | _____ | H. feeling tired after traveling through time zones |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Change the forms of verbs and nouns when necessary.

1. I'm not rich. I always travel in economy class on airplanes.
2. Q: What do you two _____? A: We both have green eyes.
3. My classmate can speak five languages! It's _____!
4. I always have _____ when I travel from France to New Zealand.
5. The flight from London to New York, over the ocean, is _____.
6. A _____ ticket is the most expensive.
7. The Airbus A380 is the largest _____ in the world.
8. _____ costs more than economy, but less than first class.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. _____
2. _____

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Topic: Airplanes and Airports

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What do the towns of Sedona (Arizona) and Traverse City (Michigan) and Bozeman (Montana) all **have in common**¹? Answer: Each of these American towns has a population of fewer than 100 people. Also, the total population of all these three towns (less than 300 people) is less than the number of people that just one Airbus A380 can carry: 525 people. The Airbus A380 is the largest passenger plane in the world and it is an **unbelievable**² **aircraft**³.

The 525 people that an Airbus can carry includes **first class**⁴ and **business class**⁵ (which take a lot of space in the airplane) in addition to **economy class**⁶. However, if there are only economy class seats, then the airbus can carry an amazing 853 passengers. It can do this because there is both a 'downstairs' and an 'upstairs' on the plane, and because the plane is very wide. If you think that a plane this big can't fly very fast, then you are wrong. It can fly at about 900 km per hour, which is close to the speed of sound. It can also fly very long distances **non-stop**⁷. For example, it can fly 14,200 km from Dubai to New Zealand without stopping! When you are a passenger on a flight like this, the biggest thing you really have to worry about is **jet lag**⁸.

Since April 27, 2005 (when the Airbus made its first flight) more than 200 of these planes have been made. The airline companies that have bought most of these aircraft are Emirates Airlines (UAE), Singapore Airlines (Singapore) and Lufthansa (Germany). There are plans to make and sell more than 100 additional planes. If you would like to buy one of them, you can contact the French company that makes them. All you need is US\$432.6 million.

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How Much Do You Understand?

● *Complete the statements.*

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. The Airbus A380 can | A. distance without stopping. |
| 2. The aircraft has both | B. a lot of money. |
| 3. The plane can fly | C. have to worry about is jet lag. |
| 4. It can travel a very long | D. at very high speeds. |
| 5. You only thing you really | E. carry more people than live in a small town. |
| 6. The Airbus A380 costs | F. an upstairs and a downstairs. |

Discuss

● *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. Do you like to travel by plane? Why? / Why not?
2. What are some **advantages** of flying in a big plane like the Airbus A380?
3. What are some **disadvantages** of flying in a big plane?

Write

● *Write two advantages – and two disadvantages – of flying in a big plane.*

Advantages

1. _____

2. _____

Disadvantages

1. _____

2. _____

Lesson "Airbus A380"

Grammar Focus Mixed: Past Simple, Present Perfect, Superlatives

Vocabulary 299 words
A1 words-72% / **A2** words-10% / **B1** words-2% / **B2** words-3%
AWL Words in this text: *contact, economy*
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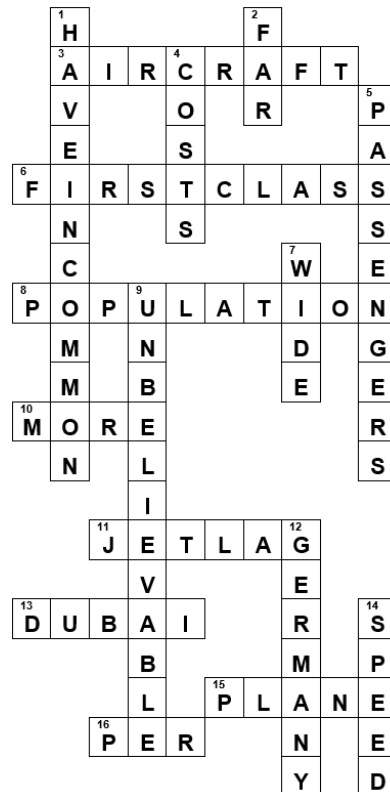
ANSWER KEY Page 1

● **Vocabulary**

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|------|-------------------|
| 1. E | 1. economy class |
| 2. A | 2. have in common |
| 3. G | 3. unbelievable |
| 4. B | 4. jet lag |
| 5. D | 5. non-stop |
| 6. F | 6. first class |
| 7. C | 7. aircraft |
| 8. H | 8. business class |

ANSWER KEY Page 3

● **Vocabulary & Spelling**



ANSWER KEY Page 4

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

- The Airbus A380 can carry more people than live in a small town.
- The aircraft has both an upstairs and a downstairs.
- The plane can fly at very high speeds.
- It can travel a very long distance without stopping.
- You only thing you really have to worry about is jet lag.
- The Airbus A380 costs a lot of money.

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