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## Baby found in airplane trash

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Airplane cleaners got the shock of their lives on September 12th. They were cleaning a plane on the runway in Manila when they found a newborn baby inside a toilet trash can. The baby still had its umbilical cord attached. His mother gave birth to him in the toilet of the Gulf Air plane and then abandoned him. Cleaner Jemon Deita explained how he found the infant, saying: "I was amazed why all of a sudden my black plastic bag became heavy to carry, because I thought I only took used tissue paper from the toilet."

Doctors at the airport examined the baby and said he was in good condition. Gulf Air is now checking the passenger list to try and find the mother. They think she could be a woman who worked overseas and returned to the Philippines without wanting her family to know she had a baby. The doctors named the child George Francis, after the initials of Gulf Air flights, GF. He weighed just over 3 kilos. George Francis is now in a special centre for children, while social workers make a decision about his future.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100913-airplane.html>

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. got the shock   | a. birth to him   |
| 2. a plane on      | b. cord           |
| 3. umbilical       | c. bag            |
| 4. His mother gave | d. of their lives |
| 5. black plastic   | e. carry          |
| 6. heavy to        | f. the runway     |

## Paragraph 2

- |                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. he was in good           | a. list         |
| 2. the passenger            | b. flights      |
| 3. worked                   | c. decision     |
| 4. the initials of Gulf Air | d. for children |
| 5. a special centre         | e. condition    |
| 6. make a                   | f. overseas     |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100913-airplane.html>

Airplane cleaners \_\_\_\_\_ their lives on September 12th. They were cleaning a plane \_\_\_\_\_ Manila when they found a newborn baby inside a toilet trash can. The \_\_\_\_\_ umbilical cord attached. His mother \_\_\_\_\_ in the toilet of the Gulf Air plane and then abandoned him. Cleaner Jemon Deita explained how he \_\_\_\_\_, saying: "I was amazed why all of a sudden my black plastic bag became \_\_\_\_\_, because I thought I only took used tissue paper from the toilet."

Doctors at the airport examined the baby \_\_\_\_\_ good condition. Gulf Air is now checking the passenger list to try and find the mother. They \_\_\_\_\_ woman who \_\_\_\_\_ and returned to the Philippines without wanting her family to know she had a baby. The doctors named the child George Francis, \_\_\_\_\_ Gulf Air flights, GF. He \_\_\_\_\_ 3 kilos. George Francis is now in a special centre for children, while social workers \_\_\_\_\_ about his future.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100913-airplane.html>

Airplane cleaners got the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of their lives on September 12th. They were cleaning a plane on the runway in Manila when they found a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ baby inside a toilet trash can. The baby still had its umbilical cord attached. His mother (3) \_\_\_\_\_ birth to him in the toilet of the Gulf Air plane and then abandoned (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Cleaner Jemon Deita explained how he found the infant, saying: "I was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ why all of a sudden my black plastic bag became heavy (6) \_\_\_\_\_ carry, because I thought I only took used tissue paper from the toilet."

Doctors at the airport examined the baby and said he was in (7) \_\_\_\_\_ condition. Gulf Air is now checking the passenger (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to try and find the mother. They think she could be a woman who worked (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and returned to the Philippines without (10) \_\_\_\_\_ her family to know she had a baby. The doctors named the child George Francis, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the initials of Gulf Air flights, GF. He weighed just over 3 kilos. George Francis is now in a special centre for children, while social workers make a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ about his future.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |              |              |              |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) shocking | (b) shock    | (c) shocked  |
| 2.  | (a) newborn  | (b) unborn   | (c) reborn   |
| 3.  | (a) took     | (b) gave     | (c) had      |
| 4.  | (a) him      | (b) his      | (c) he       |
| 5.  | (a) amazing  | (b) amazes   | (c) amazed   |
| 6.  | (a) too      | (b) to       | (c) two      |
| 7.  | (a) good     | (b) goods    | (c) well     |
| 8.  | (a) last     | (b) list     | (c) lost     |
| 9.  | (a) overseas | (b) oceans   | (c) waters   |
| 10. | (a) wanted   | (b) want     | (c) wanting  |
| 11. | (a) after    | (b) before   | (c) during   |
| 12. | (a) decide   | (b) deciding | (c) decision |

# SPELLING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100913-airplane.html>

**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. the khsoc of their lives
2. a plane on the waynur
3. a rewonbn baby
4. I was zdmaea
5. black tcaplsi bag
6. ieutss paper

## Paragraph 2

7. xmaieend the baby
8. snsregeap list
9. worked overseas
10. the lsiiaint of Gulf Air flights
11. He dgheiwe just over 3 kilos
12. make a icneodis

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100913-airplane.html>

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) list to try and find the mother. They think she could be a woman who worked overseas and returned to the
- ( ) Jemon Deita explained how he found the infant, saying: "I was amazed why all of a sudden
- ( ) Philippines without wanting her family to know she had a baby. The doctors named the child George Francis,
- ( ) His mother gave birth to him in the toilet of the Gulf Air plane and then abandoned him. Cleaner
- ( ) my black plastic bag became heavy to carry, because I thought I only took used tissue paper from the toilet."
- ( ) Doctors at the airport examined the baby and said he was in good condition. Gulf Air is now checking the passenger
- ( **1** ) Airplane cleaners got the shock of their lives on September 12th. They were cleaning a plane on the
- ( ) runway in Manila when they found a newborn baby inside a toilet trash can. The baby still had its umbilical cord attached.
- ( ) after the initials of Gulf Air flights, GF. He weighed just over 3 kilos. George Francis is now in
- ( ) a special centre for children, while social workers make a decision about his future.

# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. shock Airplane of cleaners their got lives the.

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2. a plane They on were the cleaning runway.

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3. mother birth him His gave to.

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4. became heavy All of a sudden my black plastic bag.

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5. paper toilet only tissue the I used from took.

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6. Doctors baby the examined airport the at.

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7. Air passenger is list now checking Gulf the.

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8. woman She who could worked be overseas a.

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9. children is a for Francis in centre now special.

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10. his about decision a make Workers future.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100913-airplane.html>

**Write about babies for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. GEORGE FRANCIS:** Search the Internet and find more information about the baby in this news story. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about babies. Include imaginary an interview with new parents. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to the mother of George Francis. Ask her three questions about her actions. Give her three pieces of advice on what she should do now. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.