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6A is the perfect airplane seat

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A survey taken by over 1,000 airline passengers shows that seat 6A is the best on an airplane. The study was done by the flight-comparison website Skyscanner.com. The site questioned people about which section of the airplane they preferred to sit in and whether they chose a window, middle or aisle seat. The researchers found that the front six rows of the plane were most popular. This was because it was quicker to get off after landing, there was less engine noise and a better choice of food.

The least popular seat was 31E. This is a middle seat towards the back of the aircraft. It is farthest from the exits and the toilets. Window seats were popular among passengers on long-haul journeys because it is easier to sleep. Those on short-haul flights prefer an aisle seat so they don't disturb other passengers when going to the toilet. Some passengers preferred to sit above the wings to reduce the effects of turbulence. The survey also found that 62 per cent of people prefer an even-numbered seat.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A survey taken by over 1,000 | a. of the plane |
| 2. which section | b. landing |
| 3. a window, middle or | c. of the airplane |
| 4. the front six rows | d. of food |
| 5. get off after | e. airline passengers |
| 6. a better choice | f. aisle seat |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The least | a. of the aircraft |
| 2. towards the back | b. other passengers |
| 3. long-haul | c. numbered seat |
| 4. don't disturb | d. popular seat |
| 5. the effects of | e. journeys |
| 6. an even- | f. turbulence |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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A _____ over 1,000 airline passengers shows that seat 6A is the best on an airplane. The _____ the flight-comparison website Skyscanner.com. The site questioned people about _____ the airplane they preferred to sit in and whether they chose a window, middle or aisle seat. The researchers found that _____ of the plane were most popular. This was because it was quicker to get _____, there was less engine noise and a better _____.

The least popular seat was 31E. This is a _____ the back of the aircraft. It _____ the exits and the toilets. Window seats were popular among passengers on long-haul journeys because it is _____. Those on short-haul flights prefer an aisle seat so they _____ passengers when going to the toilet. Some passengers preferred to sit above the wings to _____ of turbulence. The survey also found that 62 per cent of people prefer an _____.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A survey (1) _____ by over 1,000 airline passengers shows that seat 6A is the best on an airplane. The study was (2) _____ by the flight-comparison website Skyscanner.com. The site questioned people about which (3) _____ of the airplane they preferred to sit in and (4) _____ they chose a window, middle or aisle seat. The researchers found that the front six (5) _____ of the plane were most popular. This was because it was quicker to get off after landing, there was (6) _____ engine noise and a better choice of food.

The (7) _____ popular seat was 31E. This is a middle seat towards the back of the aircraft. It is farthest (8) _____ the exits and the toilets. Window seats were popular (9) _____ passengers on long-haul journeys because it is easier to sleep. Those on short-haul flights prefer an aisle seat so they don't (10) _____ other passengers when going to the toilet. Some passengers preferred to sit above the wings to reduce the (11) _____ of turbulence. The survey also found that 62 per cent of people prefer an (12) _____ -numbered seat.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) given | (b) taken | (c) written |
| 2. | (a) done | (b) had | (c) been |
| 3. | (a) portion | (b) ingredient | (c) section |
| 4. | (a) whether | (b) weather | (c) wither |
| 5. | (a) steps | (b) cabins | (c) rows |
| 6. | (a) few | (b) less | (c) small |
| 7. | (a) least | (b) last | (c) lest |
| 8. | (a) for | (b) of | (c) from |
| 9. | (a) among | (b) amid | (c) between |
| 10. | (a) disturbing | (b) disturbance | (c) disturb |
| 11. | (a) affects | (b) effects | (c) efforts |
| 12. | (a) ever | (b) even | (c) eleven |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. airline arpngnssee
2. flight-pmciarnos website
3. they rdprreeef to sit
4. most ulpparo
5. quicker to get off after agnindl
6. a better ccheio of food

Paragraph 2

7. worasdt the back of the aircraft
8. fthsetra from the exits
9. long-haul yurjeson
10. short-haul ithslfg
11. reduce the tesfecf of turbulence
12. an even-runeedbm seat

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () whether they chose a window, middle or aisle seat. The researchers found that the front
- () sit above the wings to reduce the effects of turbulence. The survey also
- () best on an airplane. The study was done by the flight-comparison website Skyscanner.com. The site
- () questioned people about which section of the airplane they preferred to sit in and
- () The least popular seat was 31E. This is a middle seat towards the back of the
- () aisle seat so they don't disturb other passengers when going to the toilet. Some passengers preferred to
- () six rows of the plane were most popular. This was because it was quicker to get
- (**1**) A survey taken by over 1,000 airline passengers shows that seat 6A is the
- () off after landing, there was less engine noise and a better choice of food.
- () found that 62 per cent of people prefer an even-numbered seat.
- () passengers on long-haul journeys because it is easier to sleep. Those on short-haul flights prefer an
- () aircraft. It is farthest from the exits and the toilets. Window seats were popular among

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

1. by over 1,000 airline passengers A survey taken.

2. airplane is an 6A on Seat best the.

3. were most popular The front six rows of the plane.

4. get It off was after quicker landing to.

5. a of Less and choice noise better food engine.

6. aircraft middle the the A towards of seat back.

7. the It exits is and farthest toilets from.

8. an aisle seat Those on short - haul flights prefer.

9. wings preferred sit the Passengers to above

10. - even an prefer People seat numbered.

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

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Write about airplane seats 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. AIRPLANE SEATS: Search the Internet and find more information about the best airplane seats. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about airplane seats. Include an imaginary interview with an airplane designer and a passenger. 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 an airplane expert. Ask him/her three questions about airplane seats. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.