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Dubai world's busiest international airport

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THE READING

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Dubai International Airport (DXB) is still the world's busiest airport. It is ahead of London's Heathrow, which was top for over a decade. DXB saw a record 78 million passengers in 2015. This is one every 2.5 seconds. Heathrow had 75 million passengers but had more daily flights. There are 8,000 weekly flights from DXB, flown by 140 airlines to over 270 cities on six continents. Dubai's other airport has a planned annual capacity of up to 250 million passengers.

DXB is vital to Dubai's economy. It employs around 90,000 people and supports over 400,000 jobs. It is worth over \$26.7 billion to Dubai, which represents around 27 per cent of its GDP. The CEO of DXB said: "It's another [great] year for Dubai International where we broke records...and retained our position as the world's number one international hub." DXB will soon set another record with the world's longest non-stop flight, connecting Dubai with Auckland.

Sources: <http://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/dubai-international-stretches-its-lead-over-heathrow-for-international-airline-passengers-a6847376.html>
<http://www.khaleejtimes.com/business/aviation/dubai-airport-remains-no-1-for-handling-international-passengers-in-2015>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dubai_International_Airport

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. It is ahead | a. airlines |
| 2. top for over a | b. capacity |
| 3. one every | c. of London's Heathrow |
| 4. There are 8,000 weekly | d. 250 million passengers |
| 5. flown by 140 | e. decade |
| 6. 270 cities | f. flights |
| 7. a planned annual | g. 2.5 seconds |
| 8. up to | h. on six continents |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. DXB is vital | a. of DXB |
| 2. It employs | b. over \$26.7 billion |
| 3. It is worth | c. non-stop flight |
| 4. around 27 per cent | d. hub |
| 5. The CEO | e. to Dubai's economy |
| 6. the world's number one international | f. record |
| 7. set another | g. of its GDP |
| 8. the world's longest | h. around 90,000 people |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Dubai International Airport (DXB) (1) _____ busiest airport. It is ahead of London's Heathrow, (2) _____ over a decade. DXB saw a record 78 million passengers in 2015. (3) _____ 2.5 seconds. Heathrow had 75 million passengers (4) _____ daily flights. There are 8,000 (5) _____ from DXB, flown by 140 airlines to over 270 cities on six continents. Dubai's other airport has a planned annual (6) _____ 250 million passengers.

(7) _____ Dubai's economy. It employs around 90,000 people and supports over 400,000 jobs. (8) _____ \$26.7 billion to Dubai, (9) _____ 27 per cent of its GDP. The CEO of DXB said: "It's another (10) _____ Dubai International where we broke records...and retained (11) _____ the world's number one international hub." DXB will (12) _____ record with the world's longest non-stop flight, connecting Dubai with Auckland.

AIRPORTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about airports in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

