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Level 0 – 1st June 2023

Chinese airliner makes first commercial flight

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The first Chinese-made airplane with passengers flew on Sunday. It is a C919 plane, made by COMAC. China's president called the C919 a "triumph of Chinese innovation". A passenger said: "The flight was very smooth and comfortable". He said he would remember it with happiness.

COMAC hopes to be like Boeing and Airbus. It started making the C919 in 2008. In 2022, it was allowed to fly passengers in China. COMAC will make 150 planes each year for the next five years. It has more than 1,000 orders from Chinese airlines. It hopes to get orders from other countries too.

Sources: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-05-28/china-jet-to-rival-airbus-boeing-makes-first-commercial-flight>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The first Chinese- | a. innovation |
| 2. passengers flew | b. plane |
| 3. It is a C919 | c. comfortable |
| 4. made by | d. with happiness |
| 5. China's | e. made airplane |
| 6. a triumph of Chinese | f. president |
| 7. smooth and | g. on Sunday |
| 8. He said he would remember it | h. COMAC |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. COMAC hopes to be | a. orders |
| 2. It started making the | b. 150 planes |
| 3. it was allowed to | c. countries too |
| 4. COMAC will make | d. C919 in 2008 |
| 5. each year for the | e. airlines |
| 6. It has more than 1,000 | f. next five years |
| 7. Chinese | g. like Boeing |
| 8. get orders from other | h. fly passengers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The first Chinese-(1) _____ passengers flew on Sunday. (2) _____ C919 plane, made by COMAC. China's (3) _____ C919 a "triumph of Chinese innovation". A passenger said: "The flight (4) _____ and comfortable". (5) _____ would remember (6) _____.

COMAC hopes (7) _____ Boeing and Airbus. It (8) _____ C919 in 2008. In 2022, it (9) _____ fly passengers in China. COMAC will make 150 planes each year (10) _____ five years. It has more than (11) _____ Chinese airlines. It hopes to get (12) _____ countries too.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AIRPLANES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about airplanes 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) _____

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **airplanes** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
