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Chinese airliner makes first commercial flight

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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. AIRPLANES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about airplanes. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

China / business / airplanes / passengers / company / triumph / innovation / fondly / major player / compete / industry / giants / production / standards / order / milestone

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. FLYING: Students A **strongly** believe flying is the best way to travel; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. AIRCRAFT: How can aircraft be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Current Problems	Improvements
Environment		
Seats		
Entertainment		
Interior		
Food		
Routes		

5. AIRPORT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "airport". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. NATIONAL PRIDE: Rank these with your partner. Put the things a country can be most proud of at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Airlines
- Food
- Sports teams
- Armed forces
- Universities
- Human rights
- History
- Traditions

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. took off | a. The action or process of creating new methods, ideas, or products. |
| 2. landed | b. With affection or liking. |
| 3. narrow | c. The moment an airplane left the ground and went into the air. |
| 4. innovation | d. Having a small width in relation to length. |
| 5. triumph | e. The moment an airplane touched the ground after being in the air. |
| 6. pride | f. A big win or achievement. |
| 7. fondly | g. A feeling of deep happiness about one's own achievements, or about things that are widely admired. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8. commercial | h. Big and important. |
| 9. major | i. A very large company or organization. |
| 10. giant | j. A request for something to be made, supplied, or served. |
| 11. standard | k. Making or hoping to make a profit. |
| 12. customer | l. An important stage or event in the development of something. |
| 13. order | m. A person or business who buys goods or services from a shop or business. |
| 14. milestone | n. A level of quality. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230601-comac-china-airline.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The first made-in-China airliner arrived in Shanghai on Sunday. **T / F**
2. The airplane had 128 passengers and crew on board. **T / F**
3. China's president said the plane was a great example of innovation. **T / F**
4. A passenger said the flight was a little rough. **T / F**
5. COMAC is now bigger than Boeing and Airbus. **T / F**
6. The C919 airplane was allowed to fly commercially from 2022. **T / F**
7. COMAC will build 150 C919s a year for five years. **T / F**
8. The company has over 1,000 orders for the C919. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. entered | a. guidelines |
| 2. landed | b. skill |
| 3. shortened | c. big |
| 4. prowess | d. touched down |
| 5. remember | e. requests |
| 6. major | f. think about |
| 7. compete | g. business |
| 8. standards | h. joined |
| 9. orders | i. battle |
| 10. industry | j. abbreviated |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. China has entered the business | a. giants such as Boeing |
| 2. aircraft took | b. innovation |
| 3. 128 passengers on | c. time to come |
| 4. a triumph of Chinese | d. off from Shanghai |
| 5. I'll remember this fondly for some | e. airplane market |
| 6. a major player in the commercial | f. the next five years |
| 7. It hopes to compete with industry | g. of making airplanes |
| 8. Production began in late | h. milestone |
| 9. each year for | i. board |
| 10. an important | j. 2011 |

GAP FILL

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China has (1) _____ the business of making airplanes. The first Chinese-made commercial aircraft (2) _____ off from Shanghai on Sunday and landed at Beijing Airport. The (3) _____ -bodied C919 plane had 128 passengers on (4) _____. The company that made the plane is the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China Ltd. This is (5) _____ to "COMAC". China's President Xi Jinping hailed the C919 aircraft as a "triumph of Chinese (6) _____". Newspapers in China called the C919 "a symbol of industrial prowess and national (7) _____". A passenger on the flight was impressed with the plane. He said: "The flight was extremely smooth, comfortable and memorable. I'll remember this (8) _____ for some time to come."

COMAC hopes to be a (9) _____ player in the commercial airplane market. It hopes to compete with industry (10) _____ such as Boeing and Airbus. COMAC started (11) _____ the C919 in 2008. Production began in late 2011. In September 2022, it passed the (12) _____ to fly commercially in China. COMAC's first (13) _____ was China Eastern Airlines, which bought five of the aircraft. COMAC plans to (14) _____ 150 planes each year for the next five years. A spokesperson said there were (15) _____ for more than 1,000 C919s from different Chinese airlines. He hopes airlines from other countries will soon start making orders. He added that the plane was an "important (16) _____" for China's aircraft industry.

board
took
innovation
entered
fondly
shortened
pride
narrow

developing
customer
orders
giants
milestone
major
standards
build

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230601-comac-china-airline.html>

- 1) commercial aircraft took off from Shanghai on Sunday and _____
 - a. landed at Beijing
 - b. landed on Beijing
 - c. landed it Beijing
 - d. landed that Beijing
- 2) The narrow-bodied C919 plane had 128 _____
 - a. passengers on board
 - b. passengers in board
 - c. passengers an board
 - d. passengers and board
- 3) China called the C919 a symbol of industrial prowess _____
 - a. and national prize
 - b. and national price
 - c. and national prime
 - d. and national pride
- 4) The flight was extremely smooth, _____
 - a. comfortable and memorably
 - b. comfortable and memory able
 - c. comfortable and memorable
 - d. comfortable and memorial
- 5) I'll remember this fondly for some _____
 - a. time took cone
 - b. time to come
 - c. time too can
 - d. time toucan
- 6) COMAC hopes to be a major player in the _____
 - a. commerce shall airplane market
 - b. commercials airplane market
 - c. commercial airplane market
 - d. commercially airplane market
- 7) It hopes to compete _____
 - a. with industry giants
 - b. with industry giant
 - c. with industry gigantic
 - d. with industry grants
- 8) COMAC started developing the C919 in 2008. Production began _____
 - a. on late 2011
 - b. elate 2011
 - c. inflate 2011
 - d. in late 2011
- 9) He hopes airlines from other countries will soon _____
 - a. start taking orders
 - b. start baking orders
 - c. start making orders
 - d. start marking orders
- 10) the plane was an "important milestone" for _____
 - a. China's aircraft industry
 - b. China's aircraft industrial
 - c. China's aircraft industries
 - d. China's aircraft in dust tree

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230601-comac-china-airline.html>

1. From where in China did the first China-made airliner take off?
2. Where in China did the first China-made airliner land?
3. How many passengers were on the plane?
4. Who called the C919 airplane a "triumph of Chinese innovation"?
5. Who will remember the flight "for some time to come"?
6. Who does COMAC want to compete with?
7. When did production of the C919 begin?
8. Who was COMAC's first customer?
9. For how many years will COMAC make 150 planes?
10. What did a spokesperson say was an important milestone?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230601-comac-china-airline.html>

- 1) From where in China did the first China-made airliner take off?
 - a) Beijing
 - b) Chengdu
 - c) Shanghai
 - d) Tianjin
- 2) Where in China did the first China-made airliner land?
 - a) Beijing
 - b) Tianjin
 - c) Shanghai
 - d) Chengdu
- 3) How many passengers were on the plane?
 - a) 125
 - b) 126
 - c) 127
 - d) 128
- 4) Who called the C919 airplane a "triumph of Chinese innovation"?
 - a) the CEO of Airbus
 - b) China's President Xi Jinping
 - c) the CEO of Boeing
 - d) a passenger
- 5) Who will remember the flight "for some time to come"?
 - a) the CEO of Airbus
 - b) the CEO of Boeing
 - c) a passenger
 - d) China's President Xi Jinping
- 6) Who does COMAC want to compete with?
 - a) Piper and Bombardier
 - b) Lockheed and Cessna
 - c) Tupolev and Sukhoi
 - d) Boeing and Airbus
- 7) When did production of the C919 begin?
 - a) mid 2011
 - b) late 2011
 - c) early 2011
 - d) early-to-mid 2011
- 8) Who was COMAC's first customer?
 - a) China Western Airlines
 - b) China Southern Airlines
 - c) China Northern Airlines
 - d) China Eastern Airlines
- 9) For how many years will COMAC make 150 planes?
 - a) 5
 - b) 6
 - c) 7
 - d) 8
- 10) What did a spokesperson say was an important milestone?
 - a) air travel
 - b) aviation
 - c) passengers
 - d) the plane

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Airlines

You think airlines is the thing a country can be most proud of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't such a great source of pride. Also, tell the others which of these is the least worthy of pride (and why): food, sports teams or history.

Role B – Food

You think food is the thing a country can be most proud of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't such a great source of pride. Also, tell the others which of these is the least worthy of pride (and why): airlines, sports teams or history.

Role C – Sports Teams

You think sports teams is the thing a country can be most proud of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't such a great source of pride. Also, tell the others which of these is the least worthy of pride (and why): food, airlines or history.

Role D – History

You think history is the thing a country can be most proud of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't such a great source of pride. Also, tell the others which of these is the least worthy of pride (and why): food, sports teams or airlines.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230601-comac-china-airline.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'airplane' and 'flight'.

airplane	flight
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• business• landed• shortened• hailed• pride• time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• major• giants• passed• five• different• important
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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.

AIRPLANES DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'airliner'?
3. What do you think of airplanes?
4. What do you know about airplane companies?
5. What do you think of flying?
6. What do you think of China making airliners?
7. How could we make airplanes better?
8. What is your country's biggest symbol?
9. What is your country's greatest symbol of pride?
10. What will you remember 'fondly for some time to come'?

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AIRPLANES DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'flight'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Boeing and Airbus?
15. What do you think of your country's airlines?
16. Do you think COMAC will become a major player?
17. Would you like to work on an airplane?
18. What will airplanes of the future be like?
19. What important milestones have there been in your life?
20. What questions would you like to ask COMAC?

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. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | (a) to | (b) on | (c) of | (d) at |
| 2. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) over | (d) to |
| 3. | (a) board | (b) bored | (c) bard | (d) bared |
| 4. | (a) shortened | (b) shorter | (c) short | (d) shorts |
| 5. | (a) prime | (b) pride | (c) price | (d) prize |
| 6. | (a) fonder | (b) fondest | (c) fond | (d) fondly |
| 7. | (a) on | (b) as | (c) in | (d) to |
| 8. | (a) elves | (b) angels | (c) goblins | (d) giants |
| 9. | (a) consumer | (b) customer | (c) carer | (d) creator |
| 10. | (a) demands | (b) orders | (c) tells | (d) asks |
| 11. | (a) otherly | (b) other | (c) another | (d) others |
| 12. | (a) industrial | (b) industrialize | (c) industry | (d) industrialization |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. 128 gsarnesspe on board
2. a triumph of Chinese invoatonni
3. permessdi with the plane
4. The flight was eryxtemel smooth
5. comfortable and eeoambmrl
6. I'll remember this dlnyfo

Paragraph 2

7. taigns such as Boeing and Airbus
8. it passed the sandrdsat to fly
9. COMAC's first ucsetmor
10. bought five of the cfriatar
11. the plane was an important mloneseit
12. China's aircraft dnrsuyit

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () in late 2011. In September 2022, it passed the standards to fly commercially in China. COMAC's first customer
- () for more than 1,000 C919s from different Chinese airlines. He hopes airlines from other countries will soon
- () was China Eastern Airlines, which bought five of the aircraft. COMAC plans to build
- () passengers on board. The company that made the plane is the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China Ltd. This is
- () off from Shanghai on Sunday and landed at Beijing Airport. The narrow-bodied C919 plane had 128
- () was extremely smooth, comfortable and memorable. I'll remember this fondly for some time to come."
- () shortened to "COMAC". China's President Xi Jinping hailed the C919 aircraft as a "triumph
- () 150 planes each year for the next five years. A spokesperson said there were orders
- () COMAC hopes to be a major player in the commercial airplane market. It hopes to compete
- () of Chinese innovation". Newspapers in China called the C919 "a symbol of industrial prowess and
- (**1**) China has entered the business of making airplanes. The first Chinese-made commercial aircraft took
- () national pride". A passenger on the flight was impressed with the plane. He said: "The flight
- () with industry giants such as Boeing and Airbus. COMAC started developing the C919 in 2008. Production began
- () start making orders. He added that the plane was an "important milestone" for China's aircraft industry.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. has entered making business of China the airplanes .
2. first The off . aircraft commercial Chinese-made took
3. made that the The company COMAC . is plane
4. A was the passenger impressed . on flight
5. I'll for fondly remember this some time .
6. market . major airplane commercial player the A in
7. with hopes to giants . It compete industry
8. fly to It commercially . passed standards the
9. 1,000 for were orders There C919s . than more
10. He the an milestone . plane was important said

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230601-comac-china-airline.html>

China has *entered / entry* the business of making airplanes. The first Chinese-made commercial aircraft took *on / off* from Shanghai on Sunday and landed *at / on* Beijing Airport. The narrow-bodied C919 plane had 128 passengers *in / on* board. The company that *made / making* the plane is the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China Ltd. This is *shortened / short* to "COMAC". China's President Xi Jinping *rained / hailed* the C919 aircraft as a "triumph of Chinese innovation". Newspapers in China called the C919 "a symbol of industrial prowess and national *prided / pride*". A passenger on the flight was impressed with the plane. He said: "The flight was *extremely / extreme* smooth, comfortable and memorable. I'll remember this fondly for some time to *go / come*."

COMAC hopes to be a *majors / major* player in the commercial airplane market. It hopes to *compete / complete* with industry giants such *was / as* Boeing and Airbus. COMAC started developing the C919 in 2008. Production *begun / began* in late 2011. In September 2022, it passed the standards to fly commercially in China. COMAC's first *customer / consumer* was China Eastern Airlines, which *bought / brought* five of the aircraft. COMAC plans to build 150 planes each year *for / four* the next five years. A spokesperson said there were orders for more than 1,000 C919s from *difference / different* Chinese airlines. He hopes airlines from other countries will *early / soon* start making orders. He added that the plane was an "important milestone" for China's aircraft *industry / industrial*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Ch_n_ h_s _nt_r_d th_ b_s_n_ss _f m_k_ng __rpl_n_s.
Th_ f_rst Ch_n_s_-m_d_ c_mm_rc__l __rcr_ft t__k __ff
fr_m Sh_ngh__ _n S_nd_y _nd l_nd_d _t B__j_ng
__rp_rt. Th_ n_rr_w-b_d__d C919 pl_n_ h_d 128
p_ss_ng_rs _n b__rd. Th_ c_mp_ny th_t m_d_ th_
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g__nts s_ch _s B__ng _nd __rb_s. C_M_C st_rt_d
d_v_l_p_ng th_ C919 _n 2008. Pr_d_ct__n b_g_n _n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230601-comac-china-airline.html>

china has entered the business of making airplanes the first chinesemade commercial aircraft took off from shanghai on sunday and landed at beijing airport the narrowbodied c919 plane had 128 passengers on board the company that made the plane is the commercial aircraft Corporation of china ltd this is shortened to comac chinas president xi jinping hailed the c919 aircraft as a triumph of chinese innovation newspapers in china called the c919 a symbol of industrial prowess and national pride a passenger on the flight was impressed with the plane he said the flight was extremely smooth comfortable and memorable ill remember this fondly for some time to come comac hopes to be a major player in the commercial airplane market it hopes to compete with industry giants such as boeing and airbus comac started developing the c919 in 2008 production began in late 2011 in september 2022 it passed the standards to fly commercially in china comacs first customer was china eastern airlines which bought five of the aircraft comac plans to build 150 planes each year for the next five years a spokesperson said there were orders for more than 1000 c919s from different chinese airlines he hopes airlines from other countries will soon start making orders he added that the plane was an important milestone for chinas aircraft industry

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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China has entered the business of making airplanes. The first Chinese-made commercial aircraft took off from Shanghai on Sunday and landed at Beijing Airport. The narrow-bodied C919 plane had 128 passengers on board. The company that made the plane is the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China Ltd. This is shortened to "COMAC". China's President Xi Jinping hailed the C919 aircraft as a "triumph of Chinese innovation". Newspapers in China called the C919 "a symbol of industrial prowess and national pride". A passenger on the flight was impressed with the plane. He said: "The flight was extremely smooth, comfortable and memorable. I'll remember this fondly for some time to come." COMAC hopes to be a major player in the commercial airplane market. It hopes to compete with industry giants such as Boeing and Airbus. COMAC started developing the C919 in 2008. Production began in late 2011. In September 2022, it passed the standard to fly commercially in China. COMAC's first customer was China Eastern Airlines, which bought five of the aircraft. COMAC plans to build 150 planes each year for the next five years. A spokesperson said there were orders for more than 1,000 C919s from different Chinese airlines. He hopes airlines from other countries will soon start making orders. He added that the plane was an "important milestone" for China's aircraft industry.

FREE WRITING

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Write about **airplanes** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Flying is the best way to travel. Discuss.

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. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. AIRPLANES: Make a poster about airplanes. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ECONOMY CLASS ONLY: Write a magazine article about making all airplanes economy class only. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. 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.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on airplanes. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on airplanes. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. d 4. a 5. f 6. g 7. b
8. k 9. h 10. i 11. n 12. m 13. j 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. d	3. j	4. b	5. f
6. c	7. i	8. a	9. e	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Shanghai
2. Beijing
3. 128
4. China's President Xi Jinping
5. A passenger
6. Boeing and Airbus
7. Late 2011
8. China Eastern Airlines
9. Five
10. The plane

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. China has entered the business of making airplanes.
2. The first Chinese-made commercial aircraft took off.
3. The company that made the plane is COMAC.
4. A passenger on the flight was impressed.
5. I'll remember this fondly for some time.
6. A major player in the commercial airplane market.
7. It hopes to compete with industry giants.
8. It passed the standards to fly commercially.
9. There were orders for more than 1,000 C919s.
10. He said the plane was an important milestone.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)