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**Level 3 – 4th July 2024**

## **Turbulence forces plane into emergency landing**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

Severe turbulence forced an airplane into an emergency landing on Monday. Nearly 40 people were injured on the Air Europa Boeing 787 Dreamliner plane. It was flying from Spain to Uruguay. Turbulence hit the plane over the Atlantic, as it neared South America. Air traffic controllers told the pilot to make an emergency landing in Natal, in north-eastern Brazil. Many of the injured were treated at a hospital in Natal. Other injured people completed their journey to Uruguay's capital city Montevideo by bus. Air Europa sent a new plane from Madrid on Monday. It flew passengers who chose not to take the bus to their final destination. The turbulence is the latest in a string of mid-air occurrences to injure many people.

Turbulence is the violent or unsteady movement of air. Modern aircraft are designed to survive strong winds and dangerous pockets of air. It is extremely rare for turbulence to damage an airplane. It is even rarer for it to cause a plane to crash. The biggest danger to passengers comes from not wearing a seat belt. Anyone standing up in the airplane, or not wearing a seat belt while seated, can be thrown around the cabin. They can suffer bad injuries by hitting their head on overhead lockers or on the plane's ceiling. Scientists from Reading University in the UK reported that severe turbulence is getting worse because of climate change. They said incidents increased by 55 per cent between 1979 and 2020.

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<https://nypost.com/2024/07/01/world-news/at-least-30-injured-after-air-europa-flight-hits-turbulence/>  
<https://news.sky.com/story/dozens-injured-after-air-europa-flight-hit-by-severe-turbulence-13162073>

# WARM-UPS

**1. TURBULENCE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about turbulence. 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?

turbulence / emergency / landing / flying / pilot / hospital / journey / injuries / bus / violent / air / damage / passengers / cabin / overhead lockers / climate change

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

**3. SEAT BELTS:** Students A **strongly** believe people should wear seat belts on all forms of transport; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. FLYING:** How can these things be improved? How will this make things better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Improvements	Better?
Check-in		
Departure Gate		
Seat		
In-flight entertainment		
Food		
Cabin crew		

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

**6. TRANSPORT:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best forms of transport at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Airplane
- Train
- Motorbike
- Bus
- Bicycle
- E-scooter
- Car
- Subway

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 1. severe    | a. When a plane comes down to the ground.   |
| 2. landing   | b. Taken care of, especially when sick or hurt.                                       |
| 3. injured   | c. Came closer to.  |
| 4. neared    | d. Hurt or having damage to your body.  |
| 5. treated   | e. Very bad or serious.   |
| 6. journey   | f. A person (not the driver) who is traveling in a vehicle like a car, bus, or plane. |
| 7. passenger | g. A trip from one place to another.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 8. violent   | h. The top, inside part of a room.                    |
| 9. extremely | i. Using strong force or causing hurt.                |
| 10. rare     | j. To feel pain or hurt.                              |
| 11. cabin    | k. Something that happens, often something bad.       |
| 12. suffer   | l. Not common or not happening often.                 |
| 13. ceiling  | m. A small room on a ship or plane where people stay. |
| 14. incident | n. Very, very much.                                   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

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

1. More than 40 people were injured on an airplane because of turbulence. **T / F**
2. The airplane was flying from Uruguay to Spain. **T / F**
3. Some passengers finished their journey by bus. **T / F**
4. More people have been injured recently because of turbulence. **T / F**
5. Modern planes are rarely damaged by severe turbulence. **T / F**
6. The biggest risk for passengers is wearing a seat belt. **T / F**
7. Scientists say climate change is worsening turbulence. **T / F**
8. Incidents from turbulence have increased by 80% since 2020. **T / F**

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

- |                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>injured</b>    | a. made         |
| 2. <b>neared</b>     | b. trip         |
| 3. <b>treated</b>    | c. risk         |
| 4. <b>journey</b>    | d. approached   |
| 5. <b>latest</b>     | e. rose         |
| 6. <b>designed</b>   | f. hurt         |
| 7. <b>rare</b>       | g. occurrences  |
| 8. <b>danger</b>     | h. most recent  |
| 9. <b>incidents</b>  | i. looked after |
| 10. <b>increased</b> | j. uncommon     |

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

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. Turbulence hit the plane              | a. pockets of air             |
| 2. Air traffic                           | b. their final destination    |
| 3. the injured were treated              | c. of climate change          |
| 4. take the bus to                       | d. movement of air            |
| 5. the latest in a string of mid-        | e. over the Atlantic          |
| 6. Turbulence is the violent or unsteady | f. at a hospital              |
| 7. strong winds and dangerous            | g. by hitting their head      |
| 8. not wearing                           | h. air occurrences            |
| 9. They can suffer bad injuries          | i. a seat belt                |
| 10. getting worse because                | j. controllers told the pilot |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

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*injured*  
*mid-air*  
*journey*  
*neared*  
*final*  
*forced*  
*flew*  
*treated*

Turbulence is the violent or unsteady (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of air. Modern aircraft are designed to survive strong (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and dangerous pockets of air. It is extremely rare for turbulence to damage an airplane. It is even (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for it to cause a plane to crash. The biggest danger to passengers comes from not (12) \_\_\_\_\_ a seat belt. Anyone standing up in the airplane, or not wearing a seat belt while seated, can be thrown around the (13) \_\_\_\_\_. They can suffer bad injuries by hitting their head on overhead (14) \_\_\_\_\_ or on the plane's ceiling. Scientists from Reading University in the UK reported that severe turbulence is getting (15) \_\_\_\_\_ because of climate change. They said incidents (16) \_\_\_\_\_ by 55 per cent between 1979 and 2020.

*wearing*  
*lockers*  
*winds*  
*increased*  
*movement*  
*worse*  
*rarer*  
*cabin*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

- 1) landing on Monday. Nearly 40 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. people were injury
  - b. people were injuries
  - c. people were endured
  - d. people were injured
- 2) Turbulence hit the plane over the Atlantic, as it \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. neared South America
  - b. nearly South America
  - c. marred South America
  - d. nears South America
- 3) Other injured people \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. completed there journey
  - b. completed their journey
  - c. completed them journey
  - d. completed they journey
- 4) It flew passengers who chose not to take the bus to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their finally destination
  - b. their final destination
  - c. their vinyl destination
  - d. their fine all destination
- 5) The turbulence is the latest in a string of mid-air occurrences to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. injure many peoples
  - b. injure many peopled
  - c. injure many person
  - d. injure many people
- 6) Turbulence is the violent or unsteady \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. movement off air
  - b. movement of air
  - c. movement of fair
  - d. movement off fair
- 7) Modern aircraft are designed to survive strong winds and dangerous \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. pocket soft air
  - b. pockets off air
  - c. pockets of air
  - d. pocket of air
- 8) It is even rarer for it to cause a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. plane too crash
  - b. plane to clash
  - c. plane to crash
  - d. plane to crush
- 9) Anyone standing up in the airplane, or not wearing a seat \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. belt while seat it
  - b. belt wire seated
  - c. belt whine seated
  - d. belt while seated
- 10) Reading University in the UK reported that severe turbulence \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is getting worse
  - b. is getting verse
  - c. is getting worth
  - d. is getting worms

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

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Turbulence (7) \_\_\_\_\_ or unsteady movement of air. Modern aircraft are designed to survive strong winds and dangerous pockets of air. It (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for turbulence to damage an airplane. It is even rarer for it to cause a plane to crash. The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ passengers comes from not wearing a seat belt. Anyone standing up in the airplane, or not wearing (10) \_\_\_\_\_ while seated, can be thrown around the cabin. They can suffer bad injuries by (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on overhead lockers or on the plane's ceiling. Scientists from Reading University in the UK reported that severe turbulence is getting worse because of climate change. They (12) \_\_\_\_\_ by 55 per cent between 1979 and 2020.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

1. How many people were injured on board the airplane?
2. Where did the plane begin its journey?
3. Who told the plane to make an emergency landing?
4. In which Brazilian city did the plane land?
5. How did some passengers get to Montevideo?
6. What are modern airplanes designed to survive?
7. What must passengers wear on an airplane?
8. What might passengers hit their head on besides the plane's ceiling?
9. Why are incidents of severe turbulence increasing?
10. By how much have incidents of severe turbulence increased since 1979?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

- 1) How many people were injured on board the airplane?
  - a) just over 40
  - b) around 40
  - c) exactly 40
  - d) nearly 40
- 2) Where did the plane begin its journey?
  - a) France
  - b) Spain
  - c) Brazil
  - d) Uruguay
- 3) Who told the plane to make an emergency landing?
  - a) the cabin crew
  - b) the passengers
  - c) a CEO
  - d) air traffic controllers
- 4) In which Brazilian city did the plane land?
  - a) Brasilia
  - b) Rio
  - c) Natal
  - d) Sao Paolo
- 5) How did some passengers get to Montevideo?
  - a) by ship
  - b) by train
  - c) by helicopter
  - d) by bus
- 6) What are modern airplanes designed to survive?
  - a) cyber attacks
  - b) lightning strikes
  - c) severe turbulence
  - d) bumpy landings
- 7) What must passengers wear on an airplane?
  - a) a seat belt
  - b) shoes
  - c) ID tags
  - d) a shirt
- 8) What might passengers hit their head on besides the plane's ceiling?
  - a) other passengers
  - b) the windows
  - c) overhead lockers
  - d) the TV screens
- 9) Why are incidents of severe turbulence increasing?
  - a) hurricanes
  - b) climate change
  - c) faster airplanes
  - d) the Gulf Stream
- 10) By how much have incidents of severe turbulence increased since 1979?
  - a) by 55%
  - b) by 65%
  - c) by 75%
  - d) by 85%

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

## **Role A – Airplane**

You think airplane is the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bicycle, car or train.

## **Role B – Bicycle**

You think bicycle is the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): airplane, car or train.

## **Role C – Car**

You think car is the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bicycle, airplane or train.

## **Role D – Train**

You think train is the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bicycle, car or airplane.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

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

<b>turbulence</b>	<b>airplane</b>
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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"><li>• forced</li><li>• neared</li><li>• pilot</li><li>• treated</li><li>• journey</li><li>• string</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• pockets</li><li>• damage</li><li>• crash</li><li>• standing</li><li>• ceiling</li><li>• climate</li></ul>
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# TURBULENCE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

Write five GOOD questions about turbulence 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.

# TURBULENCE 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 'turbulence'?
3. What do you think of flying?
4. How dangerous is it to fly?
5. How can we make flying safer?
6. Do you worry about travelling?
7. What do air traffic controllers do?
8. How would you help someone who is afraid of flying?
9. What causes turbulence?
10. What will flying be like in the future?

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# TURBULENCE 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 'airplane'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Is flying the best way to travel?
15. Should we wear seatbelts on airplanes, trains and buses?
16. What are the good and bad things about flying?
17. What do you think of your national airline?
18. Would you like to be a pilot?
19. How might climate change affect flying?
20. What questions would you like to ask experts on turbulence?

# 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

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Turbulence is the violent or unsteady movement of air. Modern aircraft are designed to survive strong winds and dangerous (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of air. It is extremely rare for turbulence to damage an airplane. It is even rarer for it to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a plane to crash. The biggest danger to passengers comes from not wearing a seat belt. Anyone standing up in the airplane, or not wearing a seat belt while (9) \_\_\_\_\_, can be thrown around the cabin. They can suffer bad injuries by hitting their head on (10) \_\_\_\_\_ lockers or on the plane's ceiling. Scientists from Reading University in the UK reported that severe turbulence is (11) \_\_\_\_\_ worse because of climate change. They said incidents increased (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 55 per cent between 1979 and 2020.

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

- |     |               |              |               |                 |
|-----|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) force     | (b) forcing  | (c) forced    | (d) forces      |
| 2.  | (a) on        | (b) at       | (c) of        | (d) by          |
| 3.  | (a) neared    | (b) closed   | (c) nearly    | (d) closeted    |
| 4.  | (a) completed | (b) competed | (c) contested | (d) composted   |
| 5.  | (a) flying    | (b) flier    | (c) flied     | (d) flew        |
| 6.  | (a) thread    | (b) rope     | (c) twine     | (d) string      |
| 7.  | (a) pockets   | (b) boxes    | (c) bags      | (d) containers  |
| 8.  | (a) course    | (b) because  | (c) case      | (d) cause       |
| 9.  | (a) seated    | (b) seat     | (c) seat      | (d) sit         |
| 10. | (a) overheard | (b) overhead | (c) underhand | (d) underground |
| 11. | (a) gets      | (b) getting  | (c) gotten    | (d) got         |
| 12. | (a) by        | (b) at       | (c) of        | (d) on          |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. evesre turbulence
2. air iafctrf controllers
3. Many of the nurdei
4. It flew asspergnes
5. take the bus to their final onisattnied
6. a string of mid-air esornceuccr

## Paragraph 2

7. the ineolty or unsteady movement
8. dangerous oepkcst of air
9. It is emtrxelye rare
10. They can suffer bad reuiisnj
11. the plane's ecgliin
12. tiednsnci increased by 55 per cent

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) around the cabin. They can suffer bad injuries by hitting their head on overhead lockers or on the plane's
- ( ) the Atlantic, as it neared South America. Air traffic controllers told the pilot to make an emergency
- ( ) winds and dangerous pockets of air. It is extremely rare for turbulence to
- ( **1** ) Severe turbulence forced an airplane into an emergency landing on Monday. Nearly 40 people were
- ( ) bus. Air Europa sent a new plane from Madrid on Monday. It flew passengers who chose not to take the bus to their final
- ( ) injured on the Air Europa Boeing 787 Dreamliner plane. It was flying from Spain to Uruguay. Turbulence hit the plane over
- ( ) landing in Natal, in north-eastern Brazil. Many of the injured were treated at a
- ( ) worse because of climate change. They said incidents increased by 55 per cent between 1979 and 2020.
- ( ) damage an airplane. It is even rarer for it to cause a plane to crash. The biggest danger to passengers comes from not
- ( ) hospital in Natal. Other injured people completed their journey to Uruguay's capital city Montevideo by
- ( ) ceiling. Scientists from Reading University in the UK reported that severe turbulence is getting
- ( ) Turbulence is the violent or unsteady movement of air. Modern aircraft are designed to survive strong
- ( ) wearing a seat belt. Anyone standing up in the airplane, or not wearing a seat belt while seated, can be thrown
- ( ) destination. The turbulence is the latest in a string of mid-air occurrences to injure many people.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

1. forced airplane an an landing . emergency Turbulence into
2. Atlantic . Turbulence hit the plane the over
3. at of Many injured the were treated hospital .
4. bus . who the chose Passengers not to take
5. a of occurrences . latest in The string mid-air
6. violent air . The movement of unsteady or
7. aircraft winds . designed are to survive strong Modern
8. for plane cause a to it Rarer crash .
9. bad their head . suffer injuries hitting They by
10. getting because is climate Turbulence change . worse of

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240704-severe-turbulence.html>

Severe turbulence forced *an / the* airplane into an emergency landing on Monday. Nearly 40 people were *injury / injured* on the Air Europa Boeing 787 Dreamliner plane. It was *flying / flight* from Spain to Uruguay. Turbulence hit the plane *under / over* the Atlantic, as it *neared / nearly* South America. Air traffic controllers told the pilot *to / for* make an emergency landing in Natal, in north-eastern Brazil. Many of the injured were *treated / treating* at a hospital in Natal. Other injured people *completed / competed* their journey to Uruguay's capital city Montevideo by bus. Air Europa sent a new plane from Madrid on Monday. It flew passengers who *choice / chose* not to take the bus to their final destination. The turbulence is the latest in a *string / thread* of mid-air occurrences to injure many people.

Turbulence is the *violent / violence* or unsteady movement of air. Modern aircraft are designed to survive *strong / strongly* winds and dangerous pockets of air. It is *extreme / extremely* rare for turbulence to damage an airplane. It is even rarer *on / for* it to cause a plane to crash. The biggest danger to passengers *come / comes* from not wearing a seat belt. Anyone standing up in the airplane, or not *worn / wearing* a seat belt while seated, can be thrown around the cabin. They can suffer bad injuries *by / at* hitting their head on overhead lockers or on the plane's *sealing / ceiling*. Scientists from Reading University in the UK reported that *several / severe* turbulence is getting *worse / worsen* because of climate change. They said incidents increased by 55 per cent between 1979 and 2020.

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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. 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. TURBULENCE:** Make a poster about turbulence. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. SEAT BELTS:** Write a magazine article about making the wearing of seat belts compulsory on all forms of transport. 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 turbulence. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to improve air safety. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Nearly 40
- Spain
- Air traffic controllers
- Natal
- By bus
- Severe turbulence
- A seat belt
- Overhead lockers
- Climate change
- By 55%

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Turbulence forced an airplane into an emergency landing.
- Turbulence hit the plane over the Atlantic.
- Many of the injured were treated at hospital.
- Passengers who chose not to take the bus.
- The latest in a string of mid-air occurrences.
- The violent or unsteady movement of air.
- Modern aircraft are designed to survive strong winds.
- Rarer for it to cause a plane crash.
- They suffer bad injuries by hitting their head.
- Turbulence is getting worse because of climate change.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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