

Up in the Air: Teaching suggestions

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Activity 1

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1. Get a student to read the instructions out loud and check that the students understand them.
2. Let the students brainstorm in pairs.
3. Stop the activity.
4. Elicit feedback.
5. Consolidate pronunciation.

Activity 2

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1. Get a student to read the instructions out loud and check that the students understand them.
2. Let the students do the exercise individually then check in pairs.
3. Monitor closely.
4. Stop the activity.
5. Elicit feedback.

Suggested answers: D I F H L B P K M A J C E N G O

Activity 3

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1. Get a student to read the instructions out loud and check that the students understand them.
2. Let the students begin their conversation, in English, in pairs or small groups.
3. Monitor closely.
4. Stop the activity.
5. Elicit feedback.

Activity 4

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If your students don't have access to computers in the classroom, set this for homework.

Answers:

1. They all died in plane crashes.
2. The 1977 disaster in Tenerife when 2 planes collided on the runway in fog.
3. McDonnell Douglas
4. Read the Quick Quiz below. You will need to go through the answers with your students because the answers are not available to them at EnglishClub.com. The students read a short text connected with the TP subject then answer gap-fill questions on the text. The first letter of each word of each of the gaps is then taken and rearranged to make a word connected to the TP subject.

Quick Quiz

Read the clues below and write the solutions on a piece of paper. Then take the first letter of each answer and rearrange them to find the **word** connected with this month's talking point subject, 'Up in the Air'.

1.YURI..... Gagarin (the first man in space) was killed when his plane crashed near Moscow.
2. All its planes wereGROUNDED..... after a crash in 1979 at Chicago airport: an engine had come away and damaged a wing during take-off.
3. It can be reassuring to think that lessons in plane design and airline maintenance are .LEARNED... from disasters such as these, making air travel today safer than ever.
4.FOG..... , trouble with radio signals and confusion about the instructions were a recipe for disaster for the 583 people aboard the two Boeing 747s that consequently collided on the runway.
5. And in 1996 349 people were killed near New Delhi when a cargo plane did not follow air traffic controllers' .INSTRUCTIONS... and, as a direct result, crashed into their 747.
6. ..NOWADAYS..... it seems that the fear of flying is not so much related to the safety of the plane itself as the security of the flight in relation to possible terrorist attacks.

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**Answers: FLYING(F for Fog [4] L for Learned [3], Y for Yuri [1],
I for Instructions [5] N for Nowadays [6], G for Grounded [2]).**

Activity 5

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This activity can be set as homework to be followed up and consolidated in a future lesson generating more discussion. Did students find that most people agreed or disagreed with the question? What reasons were put forward in each case? Did the students read anything which changed their minds on the topic? (etc.)

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