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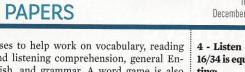


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# DOUBLE THE PLEASURE, FIND THE TREASURE WITH ELIOT'S PRACTICE PAPERS



The first Info-pilote's «In English, please» article was published in June 2007. This first installment was entitled «En Vol Pour Jersey» (yes, the title was in French!) and proposed tips and advice for a flight to the biggest of the Channel Islands. Over the years, at the rate of one article a month, all kinds of aviation-related topics have been featured in a variety of ways: written articles, listening comprehension exercises, quizzes, crosswords, web

The professed intention was to help pilots practice basic language skills and incite them to fly abroad. However, over the course of eleven years of monthly head-scratching in search of an interesting subject for the reader to work on, it has become obvious that «In English, please» was more a means of adding an aeronautical layer to an already decent level of general English rather than a way of hauling a student from hesitant to average English, an endeavor well beyond the scope of a monthly one-page article. Reaching and maintaining a workable level in any language is synonymous with long term commitment, as already mentioned in the different articles giving tips (1) to reach such a goal.

### **DOUBLE THE PLEASURE**

Yet, even for a simple upgrade from general to aviation English, one study session a month is not quite enough, and this is why Eliot's Practice Papers have appeared online since August 2017. After a summer of deep reflection over this first year of activity, it appears that the best workload/frequency ratio to keep the FCL 055 seeker on his/her toes would be one practice paper per month, around the 15th, to come halfway between two Info-pilote issues and therefore double his/her exposure to aviation English practice

Since the first issue, Eliot's Practice Papers have evolved to become a series of 5 exer-

cises to help work on vocabulary, reading and listening comprehension, general English, and grammar. A word game is also part of the package to lighten up the atmosphere.

#### **FIND THE TREASURE**

To give you a better idea of what this is all about, let's go on a treasure hunt through some of the practice papers already available at www.anglais-pour-voler.com/practice/. Below are 6 multiple-choice questions. You'll find the answer to the first one in Practice Paper #4, then the number between brackets following the right answer will tell you which practice paper to go to next. The treasure will be hidden in the last exercise.

#### 1 - Hurricane season is back, with «Florence» threatening the US East Coast at the time of writing this article, but do you know the difference between a hurricane, a typhoon, and a cyclone?

- the name depends on the strength of the storm. (PP #6)
- the only difference is the location from where the storm occurs. (PP #7)
- only typhoons evolve from tropical storms. (PP #8)

#### 2 - Complete the «diagram» exercise. In which category would you place a glider?

- the same category as a blimp. (PP #12)
- in a category of its own. (PP #13)
- lighter than air, non-power driven aircraft category. (PP #14)

#### 3 - Read the December 2012 «In English, please» article. What is get-there-itis?

- a bad case of air sickness. (PP #1)
- a plan continuation bias. (PP #2)
- never mind what it is, GA pilots are not affected. (PP #3)



Now available on the Appstore, the collection of "In English, please" articles from June 2007 to December 2016, with audio recordings when available.

# 4 - Listen to Ogden (Utah) ATIS. Runway 16/34 is equipped with pilot-controlled ligh-

- yes (PP #5)
- no (PP #6)

# 5 - What is a «pangram»?

- a word that can be read forward and backwards. (PP #14)
- a pantomimed anagram. (PP #15)
- a sentence incorporating all the letters of the alphabet. (PP #16)

#### 6 - Read myth #5 in the listening comprehension «interesting post». What protects you from lightning when you are in a car?

- the rubber tires. (PP #15)
- the surge arrester it is equipped with. (PP #16)
- the metal roof and sides. (PP #17)

#### 7 - Complete the wordsearch to find the treasure, in the form of a hidden Chinese proverb.

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# VOCABULARY

A BLIMPun dirigeable
AN ENDEAVORun effort, une entreprise
TO FEATUREprésenter
TO HAULtirer, hisser
AN INSTALLMENTépisode
A MEANSun moyen
A SCOPEun objectif
TO SCRATCHgratter
TO SEEKchercher
A SURGE ARRESTERun parafoudre,
un limiteur de surtension