

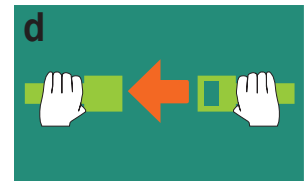
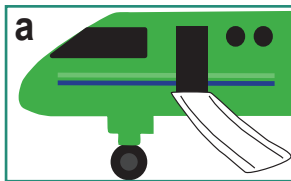
A woman opens the emergency exit door on a plane by mistake

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1 Warmer

Match the travel words with the pictures.

1. emergency exit _____
2. evacuation slide _____
3. seatbelt sign _____
4. luggage _____



2 Key words

Fill the gaps in the sentences with these key words from the text. The paragraph numbers will help you.

delayed

replace

takes off

passenger

allowed

remain

1. A _____ is someone who travels in a plane, train or ship. (para 1)
2. You are not _____ to smoke on planes. (para 1)
3. If you _____ somewhere, you stay there and do not leave. (para 1)
4. If an aeroplane _____, it leaves the ground and starts flying. (para 2)
5. If people _____ a piece of equipment, they put a new one in the same position as the original piece. (para 3)
6. If a flight is _____, it is late. (para 3)

3 Find the information

Find the following information in the text as quickly as possible.

1. When did this event happen?
2. Where was the plane flying to?
3. What was the departure time on the timetable?
4. How many passengers had to stay in a hotel and take a later flight?
5. When did the plane finally take off?
6. How late was the plane when it arrived in Islamabad?

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4 July, 2019

- 1 On Friday, 7 June, a Pakistan Airlines flight was ready to leave Manchester Airport for Islamabad in Pakistan. All the passengers were on the plane. The departure time was 21.20. The seatbelt signs were switched on, so passengers were not allowed to stand up and had to remain in their seats. Then something unusual happened.
- 2 A woman decided that she had to go to the toilet. So she got up and walked to the back of the plane. The toilet door was clearly marked 'TOILET', but the woman opened a door next to the toilet. This door was the emergency exit and, when she opened it, the evacuation slide opened. Because of this, the plane was not able to take off.
- 3 All the passengers had to leave the plane. When the evacuation slide has opened, there are two possibilities. Workers can replace the slide at the airport, but the flight will be delayed for a long time. Or the plane can take off without an evacuation slide and replace it when it has landed. In this situation, the number of passengers on the plane must be smaller for safety reasons.
- 4 Thirty-eight passengers had to stay at a hotel at Manchester Airport and take a flight the next day. The other passengers got back on the plane, and it finally took off at 05.00 on Saturday morning. It arrived in Islamabad at 14.10 – more than seven hours late. Some passengers found that their luggage was still in Manchester. But perhaps they were lucky because the woman did not try to use the toilet when the plane was in the air!

4 Comprehension check

Match the beginnings to the endings to make statements about the text.

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| 1. The passengers were not allowed to stand up because ... | a. ... it was an emergency exit. |
| 2. A woman got up and ... | b. ... the number of passengers on the plane must be smaller for safety reasons. |
| 3. There was a door clearly marked 'TOILET', but ... | c. ... the seatbelt signs were switched on. |
| 4. This wasn't a toilet door; ... | d. ... the evacuation slide opened. |
| 5. When she opened the door, ... | e. ... the woman decided to open a door next to the toilet. |
| 6. If the captain decides to replace the evacuation slide once the plane has landed, ... | f. ... walked to the back of the plane. |

5 Chunks

Rearrange the words to make phrases from the text.

1. the time 9.20 was pm departure
2. for delayed a time long
3. on at morning five Saturday o'clock
4. seven more hours late than

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6 Two-word expressions

Match the words in the left-hand column with the words in the right-hand column to make expressions from the text.

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| 1. emergency | a. sign |
| 2. safety | b. door |
| 3. seatbelt | c. exit |
| 4. toilet | d. reasons |

7 Spelling

Complete the spelling of these words from the text.

1. d _ pa _ tu _ e
2. p _ s _ en _ _ r
3. s _ f _ ty
4. pl _ n _

8 Discussion

- Do you think flying is the best way to travel? Why? Why not?
- Do you think flying is safe? Why? Why not?

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KEY

1 Warmer

1. c
2. a
3. d
4. b

2 Key words

1. passenger
2. allowed
3. remain
4. takes off
5. replace
6. delayed

3 Find the information

1. on Friday, 7 June
2. Islamabad in Pakistan
3. 21.20
4. 38
5. 05.00 on Saturday morning
6. more than seven hours

4 Comprehension check

1. c
2. f
3. e
4. a
5. d
6. b

5 Chunks

1. the departure time was 9.20 pm
2. delayed for a long time
3. at five o'clock on Saturday morning
4. more than seven hours late

6 Two-word expressions

1. c
2. d
3. a
4. b

7 Spelling

1. departure
2. passenger
3. safety
4. plane