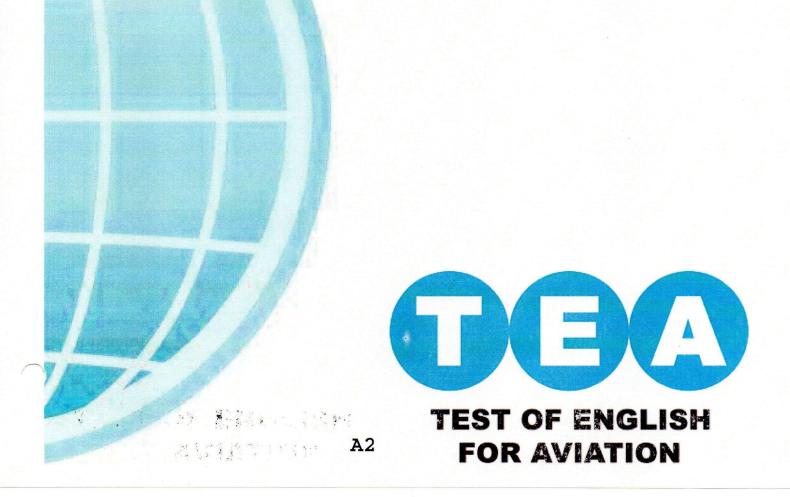
Test of English for Aviation

Guide for:

Test-takers & Teachers



What is the TEA test?

- TEA is a test of your ability to communicate in English it is not a test of your operational knowledge.
- TEA is a test of plain English in an aviation context it is not a test of aviation phraseology
- TEA is a face-to-face interview with one examiner lasting about 20—25 minutes and consisting of 3 sections.

The TEA test does NOT include:

- any writing
- any reading
- any need to type or use a computer.

Not a test of operational knowledge

TEA examiners are familiar with aviation and are sometimes pilots or controllers. Nevertheless there are no extra marks to be gained from talking about correct operational procedures. Equally, nothing is lost by not knowing about a particular area of operations.

TEA tests plain English, not phraseology – the ICAO language standards have been introduced to improve communication when phraseology is insufficient.

The ICAO Descriptors

ICAO has developed the criteria by which your English will be judged. The full descriptors can be viewed here:

TEA candidates can score from Level 1 to Level 6 but most candidates score Level 3, 4 or 5. A simplified version of Levels 2—5 is on the next page.

Interaction	Responds quickly, with useful and appropriate replies. Can control a conversation.	Usually responds quickly with useful replies. Can communicate even in surprising situations. Fixes misunderstandings by checking or confirming or clarifying.	Sometimes responds quickly with useful replies, Can communicate in familiar situations. Generally can not respond in surprising situations.	Responds slowly with replies that are not useful. Can only manage simple, routine conversations
Comprehension	Can understand accurately about work related topics. Can understand a range of accents.	Can understand mostly accurately about work related topics. May need to ask questions in complicated or unusual situations.	Can often understand accurately about work related topics. May not understand in complicated or unusual situations.	Can only understand some phrases when they are said slowly.
Fluency	Can speak easily about common topics. Can use correct discourse markers.	Can sometimes speak freely and easily. Slow speaking does not cause a problem for communication. Can sometimes use discourse markers correctly. Fillers do not cause a problem.	Offen speaks too slowly, and this may cause a problem for communication. Fillers are sometimes a problem.	Can say some memorized phrases, but is very slow to search for expressions or to say unfamiliar words. Fillers are a big problem.
Vocabulary	Has enough vocabulary to talk about common, work-related topics. Can paraphrase when necessary. Uses idioms sometimes.	Usually has enough vo- cabulary to talk about com- mon, work related topics. Can often paraphrase when necessary.	Offen has enough vocabulary to talk about common, work related topics, but often uses wrong words. Cannot paraphrase often.	Only knows some individual words or memorized phrases
Structure	Uses basic grammar well. Makes mistakes with complex grammar, which sometimes cause a problem for understanding.	Uses basic grammar quite well. Makes mistakes with basic grammar, which sometimes cause a problem for understanding.	Makes a number of mistakes with basic grammar which frequently cause a problem for understanding.	Uses only a few memorized sentences and grammar structures
Pronunciation	Pronunciation rarely causes a problem for understanding.	Pronunciation only sometimes causes a problem for understanding.	Pronunciation frequently causes a problem for understanding.	Pronunciation almost always causes a problem for understanding
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How do I book a test?

Click here to contact you nearest TEA test centre

What happens on the test day?

You should arrive at least thirty minutes before your test time so that the administrator can take your photograph (which will appear on your certificate). Make sure you bring the passport or ID card you registered with to the test centre – you will not be allowed to take the test without it. You do not need to bring anything else with you. Mobile phones and recording devices must be left outside the test room. The test will be recorded for security reasons. If you are unhappy about any aspect of the test day procedures, you must speak to the Administrator on the test day.

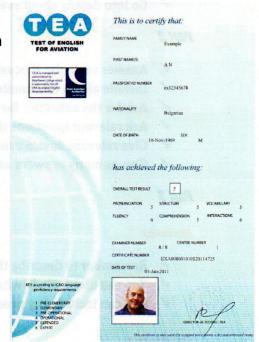
Your test result will not be available on the test day, so please do not ask the Examiner.

What kind of results are given?

The test is scored according to the ICAO Language Proficiency Rating Scale. You will be given a score from 1 to 6 for your performance in Pronunciation, Structure, Vocabulary, Fluency, Comprehension and Interactions. The overall mark will be the lowest of these scores. All of this information is recorded on your certificate.

When will I receive my certificate?

After your test is checked for interlocution and rating standards, your certificate will be printed and posted from the UK to the TEA Centre within 10 working days of your test date.



Further information:

Visit www.TEA-test.com or email info@tea-test.com





TEA TIPS

- Ask the examiner to clarify anything you don't understand
- ✓ Ask the examiner to repeat a question if you don't understand
- ✓ Ask the examiner to play recordings again if you need it
 - ✓ Explain everything in full even if it seems obvious to you
- ✓ Remember it doesn't have to be true; it just has to be in English

When you take:

Part 1

- ✓ Explain your answers in full
- ✓ Remember nothing is obvious for the examiner
- ✓ Go into details about everyday things

Part 2

- ✓ Answer verbatim if possible so you don't miss any information}
- ✓ Include all the information even if you think it's obvious
- ✓ Ask for the examiner for repetitions if necessary
- ✓ Ask relevant questions that would help you understand the situation
- ✓ Give relevant advice using as many structures as you can
- ✓ Give as many answers as possible

Part 3

Pictures

- ✓ Remember to describe the background and/or people you can see
- ✓ You can also include what you think will happen in the picture
- ✓ You can include any procedures that have to be followed in that situation

Discussion

- ✓ Describe processes and procedures in full
- ✓ Include technical descriptions and be prepared to explain the terminology
- ✓ Give complete answers
- ✓ Don't be vague

Notes for Candidates (version 5.0)



What is the TEA test?

- A test of plain English in an aviation context for licensing purposes not a test of aviation phraseology
- A test of ability to communicate in English not a test of operational knowledge
- A face-to-face, human interaction test with 1 examiner who asks questions for detailed responses
- A 25 30 minute test that consists of 3 parts:

Part 1 - Interview

You will be asked a series of questions related to your role in aviation, and then to a specific aviation-related topic. There are no right or wrong answers – show you understand the questions by responding to them directly and fully. The examiner will ask you further questions, to encourage you to talk more about some of the things you mention in your responses.

Part 2 - Interactive Comprehension

There are 3 parts – 2A, 2B and 2C. In each part, you will listen to a series of recordings of international speakers of English. Recordings will only be played once unless <u>you ask</u> for repetition. You cannot hear recordings a third time. If you need to listen again to check something you missed or didn't understand first time, please do ask for repetition. Be aware that regular repetition will suggest that your Comprehension is slower and this may affect your Comprehension score.

In Part 2A, you will hear 6 recordings in which a pilot or controller is talking in a non-routine aviation situation. After each recording, you should show you understand the situation fully by reporting your answers to 2 questions: "what was the message?", and "who do you think was speaking, a pilot or a controller?". You will be given a Task Card to remind you of these 2 questions. The examiner will ask you to "report what you can". You should show that you understood the situation by reporting it either in your own words or using the words in the recording. All the information in the situation is important. This includes stating what the message was and who was speaking (whether it was a pilot or controller). If you do not give all of the information, it will affect your score.

In Part 2B, you will hear 4 longer recordings in which a pilot or controller describes a problem, says what they need, and gives some extra details. The examiner will give you a pen for you to take notes on the Task Card. You need to report the message as fully as possible - the more details you can provide, the better. You should describe the problem, say what the speaker needs and give any extra details that you can. If you do not give all of the information, it will affect your score.

In Part 2C, you will hear 3 short recordings in more general, non-routine situations. After each recording, you have 20 seconds to ask the speaker questions to find out more about the situation. Show you understand the situation by asking as many relevant questions as you can. The examiner will also ask you if you have any advice to give the speaker: again, show you understand the situation by giving some relevant advice.

Part 3 - Picture Description

You will be given 2 connected pictures to describe and compare. You will be shown the first picture and asked to describe it, and you will be given 30 seconds to speak. You will then be shown a second picture and asked some questions about it. Finally you will be asked some questions about both pictures.

Part 3 - Discussion

You will take part in an interactive discussion of general aviation topics related to the pictures, and how aviation affects the wider world. The examiner will discuss these topics with you to allow you to show your ability to give opinions, speculate about the future and justify your ideas.

Who is TEA for?

TEA is suitable for professional, private or student pilots (aeroplane or helicopter), professional or student controllers, FISOs and radio operators. It is your responsibility to check that your licence-issuing authority accepts a TEA certificate from the TEA Centre where you take the test.

What happens on the test day?

You should arrive at the TEA Centre at least thirty minutes before your test so that the Administrator can check your details and take your photograph (which will appear on your certificate). You do not need to provide a photograph. Make sure you bring the passport or national identity card you registered with – you will not be allowed to take the test without it. You do not need to bring anything else with you. Devices capable of recording must be left outside the test room. The test will be recorded for security and quality purposes. If you are unhappy about any aspect of the test day procedures, you must speak to the Administrator on the test day. Your test result will not be available on the test day, so please do not ask. The examiner will not give you any indication of how you have performed in the test. If you have any concerns about your test day experience, including complaints, you should make an official complaint in writing to the TEA Centre and to TEA Head Office in the UK via tea@maycoll.co.uk within 48 hours of your test date.

What kind of results are given?

The test performance is scored according to the ICAO Language Proficiency Rating Scale. Only your test performance is considered by the examiners and so they cannot consider any aspect of previous experience or previous test scores as relevant. You will be given a score from 1 to 6 for your performance in Pronunciation, Structure, Vocabulary, Fluency, Comprehension and Interactions. The Overall Score (the ICAO Level) will be the lowest of these scores (which is a mandatory ICAO requirement). All of the scores are recorded on the certificate.

When will I receive my certificate?

Once your performance has been assessed and once the test has been checked for examiner standards, your certificate will be printed and posted to your TEA Centre within 10 working days of your test date. If you prefer your certificate to be delivered to your TEA Centre by courier service, please speak to the local TEA Administrator about courier fees.

What should I do next?

- To do your best, it is strongly advised that you visit <u>www.tea-test.com</u> and
 - listen to the sample test
 - > study the Guide for Candidates
 - > practice the Part 2 task.
- To find your nearest TEA Centre and register, go to our <u>TEA locations webpage</u> and contact the local TEA Administrator listed.





What language skills do I need to pass at ICAO level 4?

- Pronunciation It is OK to have an accent when you speak English, you
 just have to make sure that your examiner can understand you. A few
 errors are acceptable.
- Structure This is grammar. You are allowed mistakes, but you must ensure that your mistakes don't make the meaning unclear for the examiner.
- Vocabulary—You must have enough vocabulary to be able to talk about normal and abnormal aviation situations. If you can't think of specific words, use the ones you know to communicate your idea or message.
 - Fluency Speak at a natural pace whenever possible. You are allowed pauses when translating from your first language into English, as long a^{A09} communication is not affected. Try not to er and ah too much though!
- Comprehension

 Be able to understand English spoken in different
 accents for normal and abnormal situations. You are allowed to take your
 time and ask for clarification if what you hear isn't clear.
- Interaction Respond to questions about normal and abnormal situations quickly and correctly most of the time. Asking questions to confirm understanding is allowed.¹





Acceptable structure (grammar) at level 4

- X I love very much to fly as a pilot.
- ✓I love being a pilot.
- X my number of licence
- ✓ My license number is...
- X This is a Cessna that have landed in a grass.
- ✓ The Cessna has landed on the grass.
- X I have work as an ATC since....
- ✓I have worked as an ATC since
- X I start to study pilot in 1999.
- ✓ I started my pilot training in1999.
- X My job is a pilot in a airline.
- ✓I work as a pilot in an airline.
- X before six months
- √six months ago
- X I think they are the more responsible airline.
- ✓I think they are the most responsible airline.





Acceptable vocabulary at level 4

- X You want me to notice....
- √You want me to identify....
- X This is a very important date for the pilot.
- √This is a very important time for pilots.
- X You are working for 'another' people.
- ✓ You are working for other people.
- X Near to the low terrain you have low speed.
- ✓ You are flying at low speed, close to terrain.
- X You will have a hassle with the houses.
- The houses would be a hazard.
- X Put everybody the mask.
- ✓ Everybody put on their masks.
- X finger
- √air bridge
- X Big damage to the aircraft
- √The aircraft has a lot of damage.
- X Gone out the runway
- Overshot the runway





Acceptable fluency at level 4

- X You make a missed approach because you have wind you have trouble.
- √You do a missed approach due to crosswind.
- X The English for some towers is not clear.
- √The English spoken by some controllers isn't clear.
- X advise to the Pilots
- √advice to pilots
- X be prepared everything
- √be prepared for anything
- X The wheels become exploded and get fire for the friction.
- √The wheels caught fire due to the friction.
- X It seems to be a bit discontrolled.
- ✓ It seems to be uncontrollable.





Acceptable interaction at level 4

Please initiate (begin) and maintain communication with your examiner, especially when dealing with unexpected situations.

Following instructions without first checking that you've understood the instruction, could lead to miscommunication.

Carry out the conversation with your examiner as if he were an ATC you were talking with (or pilot, if you are an ATC)

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TEA PART 2B & 2C - Asking Questions & Giving Advice

***In this part of the exam the candidate normally needs to provide a minimum of 2 responses to each situation. ***

Ask questions to find out more about the following situations

Example Situations

- 1. We have a situation; there is a suspicious passenger onboard.
- 2. We have a problem; three circuit breakers have tripped.
- 3. We have a problem; a passenger is having trouble breathing.

Examples Questions

Question Type	Example
Do	Does he have a gun?
What	What is he doing that is suspicious?
Where	Where is he?
When	When did you first see him?
How	How long has he been being suspicious?
Who	Who is he?
Why	Why do you think he is acting suspiciously?
Are	Are there any police officers on-board?
ls	Is He upsetting passengers?
Have you	Have you informed ATC?
Can you	Can you ask him what he is doing?
Could you	Could you ask him what he wants?

Give advice for the following situations

Examples Situations

- 1. We need some help; the landing gear warning light is on.
- 2. We need some help; we have an angry passenger.
- 3. I need some help; I'm losing control of the aircraft.

STRUCTURES OF ADVICE

If I were you, I would	If I were you I'd Inform ATC.
If(repeat msg) then	If (the landing gear warning light is on) then(use any of the following structures).
You should	You should check the landing gear visually.
You ought to	You ought to review the emergency brochure.
Why don't you	Why don't you do a circuit check?
I suggest	I suggest that you check your other instruments.
I recommend	I recommend <i>requesting</i> advice from your co-pilots.
It might be a good idea to	It might be a good idea to ask the passengers to put seats into upright position and put on seatbelts.

Orders - DO NOT USE OBLIGATORY PHRASES - USE THE ADVISE PHRASES ABOVE

Examples Orders (these can be used instead of or as well as advice)

You must	You must review the pilots' flight brochure and follow the appropriate procedure
You have to	You have to request a low pass for visual check.
Check the	Check that the hydraulic pressure for the landing gear
Go / continue to	Continue to your destination and request visual check on arrival.
Inform	Inform ATC of the situation.
Call a	Call the emergency services.
Tell him / her to	Tell the captain about the problem.
Request	Request passengers to fasten seatbelts and put chairs in upright position.







TEA Part 3 – Describing and Comparing Pictures

INTRODUCE THE PICTURE	Example:	
This is a picture ofThis picture shows	This is a picture of airport security This picture shows airport security	
 What can you see in the picture? There is a/ are I can see We can see. 	Examples I can see people waiting in line. There are a lot of people in line We can see a lot of people waiting in line	

NOTES:

Remember, when describing photos

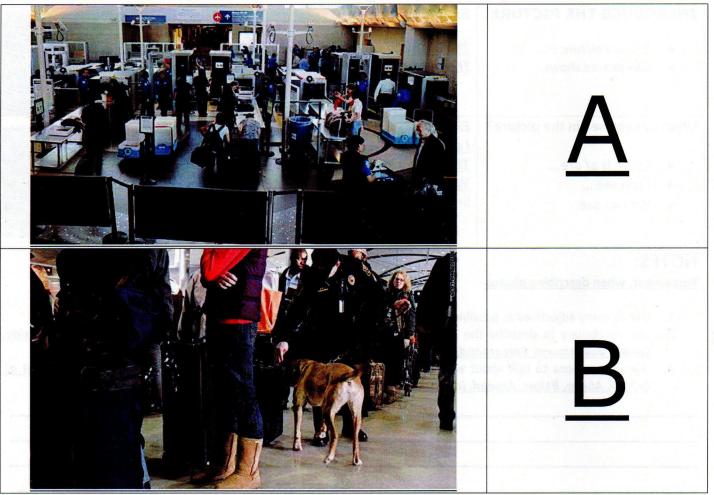
1. Use as many adjectives as possible to describe the picture, (Size, Color)	
2. Use vocabulary to describe the location of what appears in the photo	. (Top, Bottom, Left side, Right side,
Corner, Background, Foreground, Middle, Center)	
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EXAMPLE DESCRIPTION



Example Description - PHOTO A

<u>Picture A is a picture of airport security. I can see</u> a lot of security employees and a few passengers. <u>In the middle</u> of the photos <u>We can see</u> some metal detectors and some x-ray machines. <u>On the left side</u> of the picture, <u>there is</u> a person collecting his things. <u>On the right side</u> of the photo, <u>in the lower right corner</u>, <u>we can see</u> a security agent speaking with a passenger. <u>In the foreground there is</u> a portable/moveable/temporary wall. <u>In the background in the top</u> of the picture <u>we can see</u> some signs showing the way to the gates.

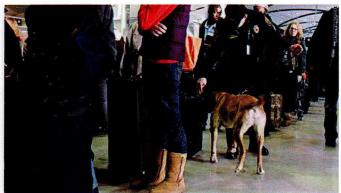
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DESCRIBING AND COMPARING PICTURES







COMPARING PICTURES

IS ANYTHING THE SAME:

- Both pictures show airport security
- In both pictures, there are a lot of people
- Both pictures were taken inside an airport

IS ANYTHING DIFFERENT:

- <u>In picture B</u>, they are using a sniffer dog to check luggage and in <u>picture A</u> they are using x ray machines and metal detectors.
- In picture B, we can see that there is a Police Officer and in photo A, we can see airport security personnel.
- In picture B, It appears that the airport is much busier than in photo A.

When talking about similarities and differences, use comparative forms if possible.

Larger than.... / Smaller than.... / More dangerous than... / Faster than.... / Slower than...

Use vocabulary to give a degree.

Much bigger / a little more dangerous / much more dangerous than / less dangerous than / a lot faster than..

TIPS

- When you are asked about similarities, <u>FOCUS</u> on the things that are the same. <u>DO NOT</u> talk about things that are different.
- When you are asked about differences, <u>FOCUS</u> on the things that are different. <u>DO NOT</u> talk about things that are the same.
- When you are answer questions about the photo, keep your response short and simple. **<u>DO NOT</u>** try to extend your answer in this part of the test.
- Remember <u>VARIETY</u> of vocabulary is important. Try to use different vocabulary when possible. For example, Adjectives, Prepositions that we mentioned above.



DESCRIBING AND COMPARING PICTURES







What is happening in the picture? (Present Continuous)

The person is/ The people are...

The plane is/are....

There is / are...

Example

Security personnel are checking passengers and passenger bags.

Passengers <u>are arriving</u> to the airport and <u>are going</u> through the security checkpoint.

What do you think happened before? (Structure of possibility) + (Simple Past)

I think that...

It's likely that...

Maybe

Perhaps the...

It's possible that...

What do you think will happen next? (Structure of possibility) + (Future-will)

I think that...

It's likely that...

Maybe

Perhaps the...

It's possible that...

Examples

<u>I think</u> that passenger <u>will continue</u> through security and <u>maybe</u> they <u>will go</u> to their gate. <u>It's possible</u> that security <u>will find</u> something illegal and <u>perhaps</u> they <u>will call</u> the police.

Aircraft / Airport	Navigation	Security	Flight Operations	
rudder	alternative route	aggressive young	bank left/ right	
brakes	approaching	man tolenooni lamina	carry out (realizar)	
cargo hold	ascending	angry	caused	
conveyor belt	clear area	armed	clearance	
debris	cross ahead	to attack	computer screens	
engine	crossed our	bags have been	copy message	
fan blade	heading	stolen	delayed	
flaps	descending	behaving strangely	detach / attach	
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running low on fuel	divert	bomb threat	engine is running	
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runway threshold	proceed	X-Ray machine	seconds	
tail plane	push back	passengers are	leave the airplane	
terminal gate	redirect	fighting	manual control	
thermostat	route	restrained (contental	manually release	
tires	run up	suspicious	pitch down	
tower	see clearly	passenger	radio interference	
tug	speed up	sniffer dog	retract / extend	
undercarriage (landing	slow down	terrorist	runaway clearance	
unknown object	spacing	unruly passenger	stand by	
warning light	standby	violent passenger	switched off	
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bird strike	animal incursion	de-icing	bleeding
burnt / burned	back online	earthquake	coughing blood
burning	being forced to land.	flood	cuts and bruises
has caught fire	have/ has blown over	fog / foggy	to be dehydrated
to crash	have/ has blown out	heavy fog	disabled passenger
to collide	burst tire	gusts of wind	diabetic
to damage	circuit breakers have	hailstorm	distressed passenger
declare an emergency.	tripped (Tropeso)	hurricane	experiencing dizziness
emergency services	compressor stall	icing up	fatigue
an explosion	cracked his head	lightning strike	feeling sick
fire brigade	has collided with	moderate turbulence	have a fit
fire extinguisher	another plane.	bumpy air	heart attack
fire resistant material	has flown into	pressurization	heart problems
flame out	it's gone dark	severe turbulence	in labor
flames and smoke	fluid leak	snow	ear pain
flock of birds	lightening systems	standing water	not conscious
fumes	failure	thunderstorm	panicking
ignite	lost all power	tornado	quarantine
ingested a bird	lost cabin pressure.	visibility	receiving some first aid
liquid on the floor	to malfunction	volcano	seizure Convolsiones
losing control	over heating	wind shear	serious injuries
medical team	power transients	Charlie Bravo	severe chest pains
police services	radio has gone down.	СВ	stomach pains
security services	reboot the system	vhwe i see	trouble breathing
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<u>International House Bogota - Recommended Resources for Aviation Listening Practice /</u> Aviation Phraseology / Study Books

• Aviation Listeners.com--Your best source of Aviation English aviationlisteners.wix.com/aviationlisteners

REAL LIFE **audios** with exercises and transcripts to make you a professional of the ... Practice your **Aviation English Listening** Skills by working the exercises that ...

• Aviation English Video Comprehension Part 2 - YouTube

www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-0rzzPYWKc

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In this video lesson you will **listen** to the ATC communication and to the Captain and take notes. You will then ...

• Aviation English for Pilots | Aviation English Blog

aviationenglishblog.com/english-for-pilots

Pilots usually travel alot and don't have access to an **Aviation English** teacher. Often they have completed the books, **listened** to **audios** but are still needing to ...

• Aviation English - English Language course for pilots and ...

www.macmillanenglish.com > Home > Course

Aviation English - New coursebook from Macmillan Education for Pilots and Air ... The accompanying CD features **audio** recordings for the **listening** activities as ...

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https://aviationenglishasia.wordpress.com/.../free-aviation-english-exercis...

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• Aviation English Listening - Parts Inside the Aircraft | Inglês ...

inglesaviacao.com/parts-inside-the-aircraft/

VAS Aviation Youtube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuedf fJVrOppky5gl3U6QQ

International House Bogota - Resources for Aviation Terms/Acronyms and Abbreviations

AVIATION SPECIFIC RESOURCES

http://aviationenglishblog.com/aviation-grammar/

English grammar - presented in video lessons

https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/air-safety-institute

Air Safety Institute. This site has a lot of great educational videos related to aviation which can help build and improve your vocabulary as well as you listening comprehension.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5aGDh1rpzJ0k&list=PLDE78C94C0A0C7D4A Real Pilot Stories – You tube Play list.

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<u>https://soundcloud.com/pilotsluency</u> - Audios most related to the TEA exam, however, there is no transcript to help you understand.

GENERAL ENGLISH COMPREHENSION

http://www.elllo.org General English Listening website with many different topics. Try searching for "health" or "weather", "security", "aviation" for example.

https://speechyard.com/english-exercises-and-games/ -- This site includes a variety of activities that makes listening fun. You can watch movies or short videos. If you don't understand a word, click on the word and you will see the definition.

<u>https://www.esl-lab.com/</u> - Huge collection of listening activities on a large number of different topics.

https://www.youtube.com/ - Search "speakout" intermediate, upper intermediate, advanced, etc... - AUTHENTIC GENERAL ENGLISH

<u>https://youglish.com/</u> - Use this site for listening comprehension for specifically difficult sounds.

<u>https://yohasebe.com/tcse/</u> - Use this site for listening comprehension for specifically difficult sounds.

http://tubequizard.com/ - This site allows you to focus on listening to specific grammar structures. Choose youtube video with "cc", copy and paste the url in tubequizzard.





Section One - Introduction (5-6 minutes)

T.E.A. is: designed to assess a candidate's spoken and listening ability according to the ICAO Descriptors. an English communication test – it is not a test of operational knowledge. a test of plain English in an aviation context – it is not a test of aviation phraseology. conducted in the form of a one-to-one interview between the candidate and the examiner. a test comprising 3 sections and lasting approximately 20 minutes.

Throughout the three sections of the test the examiner assesses the candidate's ability based on the following six ICAO language proficiency requirements: **Pronunciation, Structure, Vocabulary, Fluency, Comprehension and Interactions.**The candidate is awarded a score of 1 - 6 for each of the six skills.

The candidate is asked a series of questions on common, concrete and work-related topics relating to his/her aviation background.

TEA- PART 1. Questions about Pilot

SET ONE

- 1. What is your job?
- 2. What do you like about your job?
- 3. Do you find your job stressful? (why?)
- 4. What's the best thing about your job?
- 5. And what's the worst thing?
- 6. When did you first decide you wanted to be a pilot or controller?
- 7. What are your future plans?
- 8. What would make your job better?

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- 1. Describe your role as a pilot or controller?
- 2. Is a pilot's or controller's job important? (why?)
- 3. Do you like your job? (why?)
- 4. What role do computers have in a pilots or controllers job?
- 5. Are routines important in a pilot or controllers job? (why?)
- 6. What's the difference between a pilot or controllers role today, compared with the past?
- 7. How could your job change in the future?
- 8. What's the most difficult thing about your job?

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- 1. What does a pilot or controller do?
- 2. What do you like about your job?
- 3. What type of decisions does a pilot have to make?
- 4. What is the best thing about being a pilot?
- 5. Did you ever have any doubts about becoming a pilot?
- 6. How did you become interested in aviation?
- 7. What do you do to maintain your health?
- 8. What is the most difficult part of your job?

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SET FOUR

- 1. What is your job?
- 2. Why did you choice to be a pilots or controllers?
- 3. What do like about your job?
- 4. Is there anything you don't like about your job?
- 5. Was the training to be a pilot or controller hard? (Why? Why not?)
- 6. What aircraft would you most like to fly? (Why? Why not?)
- 7. What is a typical day as a pilots or controllers?
- 8. Are there any things you would like to change about your job?

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SET FIVE

- 1. What's your name and date of birth?
- 2. What do you like about your job?
- 3. How does your family feel about your job?
- 4. What aircraft would you most like to fly?
- 5. What is the best thing about being a pilot?
- 6. Did you ever have any doubts about becoming a pilot?
- 7. How long do you need to prepare an aircraft before departure?
- 8. How many different types of aircraft have you flown in your career?

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SET 6

- 1. How did you become interested in aviation?
- 2. What do you do to maintain your health?
- 3. What is the most difficult part of your job?
- 4. What happened during your first solo flight?
- 5. What was the most difficult part of becoming a pilot?
- 6. What do you do to improve your flying skills?
- 7. How often do you have training courses?
- 8. What is your favourite route?

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- 1. What is the most important role of a pilot?
- 2. What are some things a pilot needs to do on every flight?
- 3. How can pilots maintain safety standards?
- 4. What is the most difficult aspect of training to be a pilot?
- 5. What types of planes are easiest to fly?
- 6. How will the role of pilots change in the future?
- 7. How have airports changed over the last 50 years?
- 8. What aspects of communication are important for pilots and controllers?

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- 1. What aspects of your role were most difficult to train for?
- 2. How are pilot's and controller's jobs different?
- 3. What can be done in aviation to improve communication?
- 4. What aspects of communication are most important to pilots? To controllers?
- 5. How do pilots ensure flights are safe?
- 6. What types of incursions are most dangerous for pilots?
- 7. What can be done to avoid runway incursions?
- 8. What needs to be done after there is a runway incursion or accident in the air?

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- 1. What does a military pilot or controller do?
- 2. What is different in military aviation from commercial aviation?
- 3. When did you decide you wanted to work in aviation?
- 4. When did you decide you wanted to be part of the military?
- 5. What's your favorite part of your routine?
- 6. When is your job most stressful?
- 7. What types of people are easier to work with?
- 8. How do you deal with personality issues in your job?

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- 1. What do you do for a living?
- 2. What kind of extra training do you need to be a military pilot or controller?
- 3. Can you please explain how you get promoted?
- 4. What kinds of reports are necessary in your job?
- 5. What is the most exciting part of your job?
- 6. And what's the most boring part?
- 7. How often do you need to have additional training?
- 8. How hard is it to stay up-to-date with new policies and procedures?

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- 1. Visibility is very poor because of fog. All planes are grounded until further notice. (ATC)
- 2. We have a fuel leak, request emergency evacuation. (Pilot)
- 3. We have received your distress signal, you are clear to land on runway 3. (ATC)
- 4. A passenger on board has just had a heart attack. Request emergency services. (Pilot)
- 5. Copy your last message. Make a low pass over runway 23 for a landing gear check. (ATC)
- 6. I can't issue take off clearance. There is a horse on the runway. (ATC)

2B

- 1. It seems that our left main landing gear is jammed. We have contacted maintenance. We need to delay our take off and proceed to holding area in order to carry out a complete check.
 - 2. Our Landing gear is down but we do not have a green light. We believe the landing gear has failed to lock. We have completed our check list; however, the problem has not been resolved. We need to make a low pass near the tower to have the undercarriage checked.
 - 3. We are unable to extend flaps beyond 10 degrees. We are making a slow decent for an emergency landing. Request high speed flat approach to runway 26.
 - 4. We have aquaplaned due to standing water on the runway, which caused a tire blow out on the main gear and we have skidded off the runway. We need passenger steps and buses to take passengers to the terminal.

- 1. We need some help. There has been an explosion.
- 2. We have a problem. A passenger is having trouble breathing.
- 3. We need some help. The landing gear warning light is on.





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- 3. We have received your distress signal. You are clear to land on runway 3. (ATC)
- 4. We have engine problems. Request decent to 2000 feet in order to restart the engine. (Pilot)
- 5. A passenger has become dehydrated. Please have a medical team available on the ground. (Pilot)
- 6. We did not copy your last message. Are you descending to use fuel? (ATC)

2B

- 1. We are transporting hazardous chemicals and we have a fire warning in the cargo hold. We are unable to make a visual inspection. We are declaring an emergency and priority landing. We need fire and rescue services to meet us on landing.
- We had a bird strike to the windshield. The windshield has cracked and the cockpit is becoming depressurized. We need to divert to the alternative airport for immediate assistance. We have 100 souls on board and 2 hours of fuel.
 - 3. We need to cross taxiway KILO, but we can't see good because it's so foggy. We are at a full stop. Can you advise us when it is clear to cross?
 - 4. We have a system failure. Our lights are not working and our displays are down. We can continue to our destination. However, we will need maintenance to check the problem on arrival. I think it is an electrical problem.

- 1. We have a situation. There's been an explosion.
- 2. We have a situation. A passenger is trying to enter the flight deck.
- 3. We have a situation. We've lost cabin pressure.





- We're going to be delayed for a while. The tug seems to have broken down.
 (Pilot)
- 2. The brakes are overheating. Request permission to return to the stand. (Pilot)
- 3. We have a fire warning on the main gear. Request emergency landing. (Pilot)
- 4. C23, abort your take off, you have smoke coming from one of your engines. (ATC)
- 5. Take-off aborted due to tire blowout. We slid slightly off the runway. (Pilot)
- 6. There is a heavy fog over the aerodrome diverting all traffic. (ATC)

2B

- 1. We have a distressed passenger. He's asthmatic and has packed his inhaler in the hold. We don't appear to have a doctor on board. This guy's having lots of trouble breathing. We request emergency services on arrival.
- 2. Be informed, weather balloon drifting across your path from right to left, Level unknown, but it's approximately 4 miles north-east of your current position.
- 3. I can't issue take off clearance, there seems to be a problem. The airbus 320 has stopped on the runway. We have ground services responding, but your take-off will be delayed.
- 4. There are heavy storms approaching the vicinity of the airport. Also, severe wind shear reported at 800 feet during the last 30 minutes. I suggest you delay your departure.

- 1. I have a problem; I can't see clearly.
- 2. We have a problem; something is wrong with the thermostat.
- 3. We need some help; we can't get the computer screens to work





- The de-icing machines are not working. We're unable to continue our course.
 (Pilot)
- 2. We cannot see you on the radar. Can you confirm your position? (ATC)
- 3. This runway is closed due to a flock of birds. Please use runway 02. (ATC)
- 4. Encountered severe turbulence. Request ambulance on arrival. (Pilot)
- 5. We've hit an unexpected storm. Request return to aerodrome. (Pilot)
- 6. We didn't copy the last message. Are you descending, or leveling off? (ATC)

2B

- 1. FedEx 511 you have overshot the designated exit point of the runway. Your exit point was taxiway Charlie. Please expedite a 180 turnaround at Lima and report when complete.
- 2. We have been advised that there is an unknown object blocking the runway approximately 100 meters ahead of you. Ground crew has been alerted. Please exit the runway immediately via the exit to your right. Taxiway C3
- 3. We are experiencing depressurization at flight level 250, current heading 160. We are declaring an emergency and are diverting to our alternate airport for an emergency landing. Please have rescue services standing by.
- 4. Clearance for landing is denied. Runway 23L is closed for cleanup because of an oil spill. Maintain and hold at your current altitude. Your delay for landing will be approximately 10 minutes. Please prepare for landing runway 26R.

- 1. We have a situation. There's a passenger shouting at me.
- 2. We need some help. We think we smell gas.
- 3. I have a problem. I don't know which terminal to go to.





- 1. Vietnam Airlines 365 hold short of runway 19 Left (ATC)
- 2. We have to wait for another aircraft to vacate our stand (Pilot)
- 3. Egypt Air 581 go around immediately, vehicle on runway. (ATC)
- 4. 320 requesting tow from taxiway Mike to apron. (Pilot)
- 5. Seems to be some metal debris 400 hundred meters from the threshold of runway 19r. (Pilot)
- 6. Backtrack, runway 25 Left, line up and wait. (ATC)

2B

- 1. There seems to be an airport van parked on the side of the taxiway about 400 meters ahead. It looks like they are working on the lighting. Can you instruct them to clear the taxiway please?
- 2. We are unable to push back at this time. One of our passengers is a no show and we have to unload his baggage. We will call back as soon as we are ready.
- 3. The incoming aircraft had a tire blowout during a rather hard landing with maximum breaking and the engineers are changing it now.
- 4. The new runway in use is 04 Right, remind all incoming flight to the proximity of the factory chimneys at 230 ft, 2 miles out, off set 500 meters from the approach path.

- 1. We have a problem. There are fumes in the cockpit.
- 2. We have a problem. The cargo door appears to be stuck.
- 3. We need some help. We can't get the computer screens to work.





2A

- 1. Boarding is almost completed, we should be ready to push back in five minutes. (Pilot)
- 2. Taxi with caution, as the airport is very congested. (ATC)
- 3. You may experience some light rain during the final descent. (ATC)
- 4. Gusty winds have been reported on the approach path. (ATC)
- 5. We are climbing from flight level 070 to flight level 140. (Pilot)
- 6. Request turn left to avoid weather. (Pilot)

2B

- 1. Taxi with caution at the intersection of Golf and Kilo, Fireman are carrying out exercises in the vicinity
- 2. We are waiting for a disabled passenger to be brought by minibus, we will be ready for push back as soon as he arrives.
- 3. We've just encountered a very severe hailstorm descending through 9r thousand feet. The first officer's visibility is very restricted and we will need to reduce speed.
- 4. We had a fire warning from engine number 2 a few minutes ago. The engine has been shut down. We have no more signs of fire. We'll need a few minutes to make sure the situation is stabilized before making our approach.

2C

- 1. We need some help. There's been an explosion.
- 2. We have a situation. A passenger is trying to enter the flight deck.
- 3. We need some help. We can't get the computer screens to work.





Short Recordings – Examples for practice

- We have sunk in sand, request a tractor to tow us out.
- 2. We cannot extinguish the fire, we need priority for landing.
- 3. There is traffic above you, descend to 12,000 feet immediately.
- 4. The flightdeck is full of smoke, we can't see clearly.
- 5. We cannot see you on the radar, can you confirm your position?
- 6. The emergency vehicles are standing by, clear to land at runway 3.
- 7. We can't hear anything, we are transmitting blind due to a receiver failure.
- 8. We have extinguished the fire in the cabin, everything is back to normal.
- 9. we'd like to start up quickly please, we have livestock in the hold.
- 10. We have aquaplaned off the runway, can you send the buses for the passengers?
- 11. I cannot hear what you are saying, please say each word twice.
- 12. We have extinguished the port engine fire, the emergency situation is over.
- 13. You are on course for a collision, pull up immediately.
- 14. The runway has closed due to snow, diverting all traffic.





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Short Recordings - Examples for practice

- 23. The flight engineer has now recovered, we are able to continue to our original destination.
- 27. The first officer has had a heart attack, request immediate clearance to land.
- 28. We need a doctor on arrival, passenger has fallen and is not able to move.
- 29. A bag fell on a passenger's head, she has a concussion.
- 33. We've been through extreme turbulence and several passengers are injured.
- 34. We have a medical update, the sick passenger is better now.
- 35. The cabin crew are carrying out mouth to mouth resuscitation.
- 36. A passenger has died so we will need some assistance after landing.
- 37. The flight crew have food poisoning, request return to base.
- 40. A passenger has fallen over and broken their arm.
- 41. Two of our engine are overheating and we are losing altitude.
- 42. Runway 32 Left is not in use, there is standing water at the thresh hold.



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Short Recordings - Examples for practice

- 1. Our windscreens cracked because of a bird strike, we need to descend immediately.
- 2. Hold your position, traffic is crossing your taxiway from left to right.
- 3. Copy your message about the dead passenger, we'll have medical assistance standing by.
- 4. We are passing through a thunderstorm, we could not avoid it. I also be a separate of the passing through a thunderstorm, we could not avoid it.
- 5. To avoid military activities, you need to take a northerly heading.
- 6. Can we have holding zone to check our nose gear, we think it's not retracted.
- 7. I'm declaring a medical emergency, where is the nearest aerodrome?
- 8. I saw an animal on the thresh hold of the runway so I couldn't land.
- 9. We have limited visibility, can we have vectoring for an ILS approach?
- 10. The fighter has now flown away from us, do we have permission to continue our current course?

------PART 2C------

- 11. (Situation 1) We have a problem, a passengers health is not good.
- 12. (Situation 2) We have a situation, a red light's come on.
- 13. (Situation 3) We have a problem, there's a strong smell in the cabin.
- 14. (Situation 1) We need some help, we have a very drunk man here.
- 15. (Situation 2) We need some help, it's difficult to steer the vehicle.
- 16. (Situation 3) We need some help, I cannot understand what he said.





Short Recordings - Examples for practice

- 3. We just come through some bad turbulence, we need to check if the passengers are ok.
- 4. The first officer has a severe head injury, request diversion to the nearest aerodrome.
- 6. We have experienced wake turbulence, has separation been maintained?
- 7. We suspect a bird struck the engine, making a forced left turn.
- 8. There are two men acting suspiciously, inform the security services.
- A passenger has a nosebleed and we can't treat it.
- 10. We are running low on fuel, can you confirm we are number 1 for landing.
 -----PART 2C-----PART 2C------
- 11. (Situation 1) We have a problem, we cannot move.
- 12. (Situation 2) We have a situation, there is a man shouting at me.
- 13. (Situation 3) We have problem, one of the passengers is being sick.

-----PART 2C-----

- 14. (Situation 1) We need some help, we can't hear anything.
- 15. (Situation 2) We need some help, we are feeling very stressed.
- 16. (Situation 3) We need some help, the computer system has gone down.

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<u>TEA - PART 3 Discussion Questions</u> – Related to both pictures – pre-prepare questions related to the photos you will be discussing.

ATC	
Why is ATC important to a pilot?	
When does a pilot need to be in contact with ATC?	
How can the communication improve between ATC and an aircraft?	
Why does ICAO want a minimum level of English for pilots and controllers?	
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Ground	
Does a pilot need to be familiar with an airports layout? (Why?)	
Is the layout of airports / aerodromes important? (Why?)	
Has the layout of airport / aerodromes different now compared to the past?	
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Fire and Smoke	
What can cause fire on board an airplane? Can you describe what equipment can be u	used to control a fire?
Why is fire so dangerous in aviation?	
How would a pilot deal with smoke in the p	passenger compartment?
	How can the communication improve between ATC and an aircraft?
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Interference	
How can animals interfere with aviation?	ports a pilot need to be familiar with an airports layout? (Why?)
How can aviation reduce the risk of animal	interference?
Should passengers be worried about bird st	trikes? (Why? / Why not?)
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Health

Is the health of a pilot important? (Why?)
What can affect the performance of a pilot?
Is it dangerous for a pilot to become fatigued? (Why?)
What causes stress for passengers when travelling?
What types of passengers might have health problems during flight?
What effect can coffee or alcohol have?
What medical problems can not moving cause?
Why do people sometimes return from holiday with a cold?
How can you help yourself if you find changes in air pressure painful?
What causes dehydration? How can it be avoided?
How can passengers with health problems generally help themselves?

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Technical

What are NOTAMS? And how are they used? How can NOTAMS be improved? Is flying easier today than in the past?

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Weather		
What is the best weather for flying?		
What problems can the weather cause for flying?		
What is the worst weather for flying?		
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Human How can terrorism affect aviation? What can airports do to reduce the risk of terrorism? How does the terrorist threat to aviation today, compare with that of the past? What types of difficult passengers might you encounter during a flight? How do you deal with difficult passengers? What is the most difficult passenger you have ever had to deal with / heard about? NOTES: D52



How does aviation affect the environment?



Environment

How can aviation's effect on the environment be reduced? In the future do you think the environmental effects of aviation will increase or decrease? (Why?) **NOTES:** D53 **Airport Location** What are the important considerations when planning a new airport? Is it better to build new airports of expand existing ones? What is the best place to build an airport? How can the expansion or construction of airports affect local residents? NOTES:





Air Travel Future Development

What future plans are there regarding the development of air travel / airports over the next 10 years? How are customers' needs and expectations changing over time?

What is your opinion on the need for future development?

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	What is minimum vertical separation? Why is it used?
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Which are the most common types of accident?
Where do most accidents occur?
Why do most air accidents happen?
What can be done to prevent this?
How are accidents investigated?
What is minimum vertical separation? Why is it used?

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Take-off and Landing

Which is the most challenging for a pilot, take-off or landing?
Which weather conditions are the most dangerous for take-off and landing?
How do you take off in bad weather conditions?
Do some airports present specific challenges when taking-off or landing?
What kind of safety information do you require before take-off or landing?
How do you do land a plane in an emergency?

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Security

Are current security measures good enough?
What do you think could be done to improve airport security?
What predictions can you make for the future of airport rules and regulations?
What future security problems can you imagine?

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