

Listen to five people talking about what they are reading right now. Choose from the list (A–F) what type of material they are reading. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter that you do not need to use.

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| A a graphic novel | Speaker 1: [] |
| B a guidebook | Speaker 2: [] |
| C fiction | Speaker 3: [] |
| D a blog or chatroom | Speaker 4: [] |
| E a magazine | Speaker 5: [] |
| F a manual | |

Listen to a young woman talking about how she became a writer. Select the correct answer.

- 1 When she was a child, Sarah **became a published author / read a lot / didn't enjoy writing.**
- 2 Sarah didn't enjoy teaching because she **didn't earn enough money / wanted to be more creative / didn't want to work in a high school.**
- 3 When Sarah was out and about she always carried her **camera / smartphone / notebook** to record new ideas.
- 4 Sarah's first short story was published **only in the US / in a magazine / by a friend.**
- 5 Sarah decided to write a novel after **she lost her job / her short stories were successful / she gave up writing short stories.**

2 Choose the correct words.

- 1 We'd **been flying** / 'd **flown** for over an hour before we were offered anything to eat or drink.
- 2 We had **such a good** / a **so good** time in Seattle. We can't wait to go again.
- 3 When we arrived, the apartment was **so** / **such** big that we thought there had been a mistake.
- 4 Sylvia **had swum** / **had been swimming** so her hair was wet.
- 5 I had **so little** / **such little** time before my connecting flight that I had to run through the airport!
- 6 We'd **seen** / 'd **been seeing** the in-flight movie before so we watched the music channel instead.
- 7 You'd **gone** / 'd **been going** out when Alastair called.

Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

Example: Mike's an experienced pilot now – he's even flown a jumbo jet!
ever **even** hardly

- 1 Could you _____ give me a minute to finish reading this article?
eventually **even** **just**
- 2 It was a difficult time but _____ it turned out well for all of us.
eventually **definitely** **lately**
- 3 That's _____ a great book. I don't think she's put it down for three days!
ideally **obviously** **apparently**
- 4 The pilot could _____ see the runway lights in the thick fog.
hard **even** **hardly**
- 5 Are we _____ there, Dad? We've been driving for hours and hours!
yet **almost** **still**

6 I read a lot of fiction, _____ crime fiction.

specially

actually

especially

7 We thought the landing would be bumpy, but _____ it was really smooth.

gradually

ideally

in fact

8 Booking a ticket online is really easy. _____, you go to the website and follow the instructions.

Basically

Obviously

Gradually

READING

Read the article about unusual airport attractions. Five sentences have been removed. Which sentence (A–F) fits each blank (1–5)? There is one extra sentence that you do not need to use.

Unusual airport attractions

There's one destination most air travelers don't look forward to on their trip – the airport. The idea of spending a large part of your travel time waiting in endless lines, or sitting on uncomfortable seating while trying to hear incomprehensible flight announcements, is probably less than appealing. But all that's beginning to change. (1) Check out the unusual airport attractions below.

Animal therapy

The concept that being around animals can reduce stress in people isn't new. Many airports have pets available for passengers to interact with in order to help them relax before a flight. (2) It has a vast 114,000-liter aquarium which is home to around fifty-thousand marine plants and animals. Species to look out for include giant green anemones, wolf eels, armored sea cucumbers, otters, and over thirty different species of jellyfish. There's even a 4D movie experience that uses special effects such as scent, sound, dramatic lighting, and simulated weather to transport its audience into natural environments.

Access all areas

Whether you're a confident flier or a nervous wreck before take-off, you'll no doubt have wondered what it feels like to actually fly a plane. Well, at Zurich Airport in Switzerland you have the opportunity to find out for yourself by taking part in a flight training simulation. You can choose a solo or group training session and then choose from four different types of aircraft to practice in. Other attractions for flight enthusiasts include access to the airport's flight observation decks,

where you can view aircraft taking off and landing. (3) You can even control the airport's live webcam or take a sightseeing tour by helicopter.

Cultural experience

Of course, travelers are usually interested in immersing themselves in the culture of the country they are visiting.

(4) It has several cultural information centers that hold free music and dance performances, offer free arts and crafts sessions, and run workshops where you can experience traditional Korean art forms. There is also a range of observatories, museums, and art galleries to help pass the time before your flight is ready.

Airport music is historically pretty bad but Philadelphia International Airport has a unique way to keep passengers entertained. The four-person Philly Phever band is known as a "strolling band" because they walk around inside the airport playing lively music to entertain waiting travelers. Not your usual fall-asleep-to airport music!

Surf's up!

Perhaps the most bizarre airport attraction to date is Munich International Airport's indoor wave pool. The pool, which is set up each year and is over thirty feet wide, gives visitors the opportunity to try out surfing, take a lesson from a surf professional, or watch world-class surfers ride waves up to 1.5 meters high. You wouldn't expect a city with no coastline to host a major surfing event. (5) Don't forget to pack your wetsuit!

So, next time you fly, don't forget to look into airport entertainment options. Perhaps in the future, our vacations will start at the departure airport, not after we touch down at our final destination.

- A You can also watch the pilots in the cockpit and see the aircraft close up.
- B Passengers have described them as full of enthusiasm, energy, and Philadelphia spirit.
- C At South Korea's Incheon International Airport, you can do this without even stepping foot outside.
- D However, Canada's Vancouver International Airport offers a much larger-scale animal experience.
- E In fact, we may even see a time when people actually hope their flight gets delayed!
- F However, the yearly Surf & Style Championship is famous worldwide.