

Structure

There are two tenses used in the sentences above – *past simple* and *past perfect*. Here is a description of the function of each:

Past simple is used to talk about

- actions that are complete in the past – eg The first officer **cancelled** the warning
- a specific time in the past (possibly at the same time as another event) – eg The aircraft was at 35,00 ft **when** the master caution **lit** up.
- a sequence of events – eg He **canceled** the warning, **scanned** the overhead panel, and **said**, “We have a bleed failure.”

Past perfect is used to talk about

- completed action in the *earlier* past – eg The aircraft **had** just **levelled** off at its cruise altitude of 35,000 ft. when the master caution lit up.
- duration before something in the past

Aviation English exercise 1



Learn English as it is used in an aviation context

Take a look at the following sentences:

1. *The captain told him to pull out the quick reference handbook and run the checklist.*
2. *The aircraft had just leveled off at its cruise altitude of 35,000 ft. when the master caution lit up.*
3. *The first officer did so and the flight proceeded uneventfully.*
4. *The first officer canceled the warning, scanned the overhead panel, and said, "We have a bleed failure."*

A. Escribe el past participle de los siguientes verbos

Tell

Have

Run

Level

Do

Cancel

Say

Scan

B. Traduce las oraciones del texto

1..

2. .

3..

4..

Aviation English exercise 2

1. *Thick, black smoke billowed everywhere.*
2. *Despite the reduced visibility in the cockpit and the loss of the displays and systems, the crew completed a successful emergency landing and all passengers were evacuated without injury.*
3. *The long flight had been uneventful until the aircraft was 240 miles from its destination—then everything seemed to go wrong at once.*
4. *Electrical systems began to fail and the glass cockpit displays flickered off and on randomly for over two minutes before going completely black.*
5. *A small fire in the front galley could not be extinguished.*

C. Lee las oraciones y ordena las acciones cronologicamente

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5.....

D. Busca en el texto palabras que signifiquen:

Aterrizaje exitoso
Daños/lesiones
Visibilidad reducida
Vidrio del cockpit
Tripulacion
Humour negro
Falta
Completamente negro
Extinguir
Sistemas electricos
Fuego

E. Traduce las oraciones

1. El largo vuelo habia ocurrido sin sobresaltos hasta que, cuando la nave estaba a 240 millas de su destino, todo pareció salir mal.
- 2..
- 3..
- 4..
- 5..