

## 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 35,000 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**

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## 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 cronológicamente

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### 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 había ocurrido sin sobresaltos hasta que, cuando la nave estaba a 240 millas de su destino, todo pareció salir mal.

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