A FABULOUS FLIGHT

Unless you are one of the super-rich, you'll be unlikely to ever travel on a private jet. But lucky passengers Tony Nolan and Marie Headon were treated like stars when they were the only passengers on flight 391 from Manchester to Dublin last week.

'My girlfriend and I have never enjoyed flying, but we do a lot of it,' Tony told us. 'We live in Manchester but our parents are in Ireland. [1] _____ Crowded airports, delays and full planes are tiring and stressful, but we have no choice: if we want to see our families, we take a flight.'

While the couple was travelling to the airport last Friday evening, Marie received a text message from the airline. Their flight was delayed, so Tony and Marie decided to get off their train to the airport and do some shopping. They had completed the online check-in, so when they got to the airport later, they went straight to the departure lounge. [2] _____ At the gate, staff told them that all the others had been given seats on other planes. They were the only ones left on their flight. 'They won't take us if we're the only passengers,' thought Marie. [3] _____

'As soon as we got on the plane, they started to treat us like stars!' says Tony. He and Marie were given business-class seats and served a three-course meal. The pilot and cabin staff were cheerful as they were going home for the weekend. [4] _____ Tony and Marie could have as much food as they wanted and the flight attendants took photos of them acting like film stars. 'We decided to make them feel really special,' says flight attendant Sean Collins. 'It was fun for all of us.' The pilot showed them the cockpit, too, which they found really interesting.

'If flying was always that good, we'd do it every day,' say Tony and Marie. Unfortunately, the 'private plane' was probably a once-in-a-lifetime experience for them.

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3 **Five sentences have been removed from the article. Look at gap number 1. Which of these sentences fits into the gap? How do you know?**

1 She wants to go home sometimes.
2 If we go to visit them, it's always by plane.
3 Luckily, the people at the airports are nice.

4 **For each question in the text (2–5), choose the correct answer. There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.**

A That's why they missed the flight.
B They were surprised to see that no other passengers were waiting there.
C Luckily, she was wrong.
D Their flight back to Manchester was full, late and no fun at all.
E However, she didn't have a good experience this time.
F Everybody on the plane was feeling happy.

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