

Task listening 2

International Pilots Require English Proficiency

Interesting Facts in Easy English

Pre-Listening Vocabulary

- aviation: *related to air flight*
- regulate: *to make and oversee rules and standards*
- proficient: *demonstrating a high level or strong ability*
- script: *written text that is spoken*
- fluency: *the ability to express oneself without effort*



<https://www.englishclub.com/efl/podcasts/interesting-facts/international-pilots-english/>

Listen carefully to the audio and after that, identify and establish connection between the audio of International Pilots Require English Proficiency and the text of ICAO Requires High level of English of its Air Navigation Personnel, these texts have between them common characteristics, try to identify two of them and write into the box of the text listed below. Time 12 minutes.

Look at the example:

Audio: International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is a UN organization that regulates global aviation standards and practices.

The writing text: Pilots and air traffic controllers are required to demonstrate an operational high level of English Language proficiency in International Civil Aviation.

ICAO Requires High level of English of its Air Navigation Personnel

Pilots and air traffic controllers are required to demonstrate an operational high level = standards and practices (taken from the audio) of English Language proficiency in International Civil Aviation. In other words, they must be good at developing their skills of pronunciation, fluency, structure, vocabulary, comprehension, interaction in English language, and at the same time to have a wide experience in teaching aviation English to air navigation personnel = _____ (taken from the audio) and pilots. Eventhough, they could obtained a good level at English proficiency they need to take a test few years until they reach Expert Level, which will allow them to reduce the frequency of communication errors and to operate internationally. Added to that it is not advisable to use words and expressions that are not appropriate in formal situations = _____ (taken from the audio). Incidentally, we must not forget to have present that aviation codes play an important play in the international efforts to increase communication safety.

Use complete sentences to answer your questions. Try to answer everyone of them in 5 minutes.

1. Which are the English Language Requirements for air traffic controllers and pilots?
2. What does ICAO mean?
3. Why do air traffic controllers and pilots need to reach Expert Level?