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Level 4

Holland's king reveals secret life as pilot

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THE READING

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Next time you fly, the pilot might be a king. Holland's King Willem-Alexander has secretly been flying planes twice a month for KLM for 21 years. His passengers did not know. The 50-year-old king got his military pilot's license with the Dutch Air Force in his twenties. He loved flying and became a commercial pilot. The king said he now wanted to upgrade his skills. He is back on an aircraft simulator to train to fly Boeing 737s.

King Willem-Alexander said flying meant he could relieve his stress. He explained: "You can't take your problems from the ground into the skies. You can completely disengage and concentrate on something else. That...is the most relaxing part of flying." He said it was easy to keep his secret. He said very few passengers knew he was their pilot. He said he always welcomed passengers on behalf of the captain and the crew. He never told them his name.

Sources: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2017/05/18/dutch-king-reveals-secret-life-as-a-klm-airline-pilot>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Next time | a. his skills |
| 2. the pilot might | b. twice a month |
| 3. secretly been flying planes | c. license |
| 4. His passengers did | d. pilot |
| 5. pilot's | e. be a king |
| 6. became a commercial | f. simulator |
| 7. upgrade | g. you fly |
| 8. He is back on an aircraft | h. not know |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. flying meant he could relieve | a. passengers |
| 2. from the ground | b. on something else |
| 3. concentrate | c. them his name |
| 4. That is the most | d. his secret |
| 5. He said it was easy to keep | e. of the captain |
| 6. He said he always welcomed | f. his stress |
| 7. on behalf | g. into the skies |
| 8. He never told | h. relaxing part of flying |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Next time you fly, the pilot (1) _____ king. Holland's King Willem-Alexander has secretly been flying planes (2) _____ for KLM for 21 years. His passengers did not know. The 50-year-old king got his military pilot's (3) _____ Dutch Air Force (4) _____. He loved flying and became (5) _____. The king said he now wanted to upgrade his skills. He is back on an aircraft simulator (6) _____ Boeing 737s.

King Willem-Alexander said flying meant he could (7) _____. He explained: "You can't take your problems from the (8) _____ skies. You can completely disengage and (9) _____ something else. That...is the most relaxing part of flying." He said it was (10) _____ secret. He said very few passengers knew he was their pilot. He (11) _____ welcomed passengers (12) _____ captain and the crew. He never told them his name.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SECRET LIFE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about secret life in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **secret life** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
