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Level 4

World's 'most useless' airport opens

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THE READING

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The first commercial flight landed on the remote South Atlantic island of St Helena on Saturday. The flight touched down at Saint Helena Airport carrying 68 passengers. One passenger had travelled from Scotland to be on the flight. She said: "I've never felt so emotional in all my life. I never thought I'd see this day." This first flight will change access to the island. The only way of getting there before was by a ship that sailed once every three weeks.

The airport will boost the island's economy and tourism. However, the British media called it "the most useless airport in the world". It cost British taxpayers \$380m - \$80,000 for every person on the island. It was due to open in 2016, but was delayed. St. Helena's Governor dismissed the criticism. She said: "For St Helena, this has already been the most useful airport. It's priceless." She was excited about, "the new chapter in St Helena's history".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. on the remote | a. of getting there |
| 2. The flight touched | b. in all my life |
| 3. One passenger | c. South Atlantic island |
| 4. I've never felt so emotional | d. three weeks |
| 5. access | e. down |
| 6. The only way | f. sailed |
| 7. a ship that | g. to the island |
| 8. once every | h. had travelled |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The airport will boost | a. the criticism |
| 2. the British | b. in the world |
| 3. the most useless airport | c. open in 2016 |
| 4. \$80,000 for every person | d. airport |
| 5. It was due to | e. the island's economy |
| 6. St. Helena's Governor dismissed | f. in St Helena's history |
| 7. the most useful | g. on the island |
| 8. the new chapter | h. media |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The first commercial flight (1) _____ South Atlantic island of St Helena on Saturday. The flight (2) _____ Saint Helena Airport carrying 68 passengers. One passenger (3) _____ Scotland to be on the flight. She said: "I've (4) _____ emotional in all my life. I never thought I'd see this day." This first flight will (5) _____ the island. The only way of getting there before was by a ship that (6) _____ three weeks.

The airport will (7) _____ economy and tourism. However, the British (8) _____ "the most useless airport in the world". It cost British taxpayers \$380m - \$80,000 for every person (9) _____. It was due to open in 2016, (10) _____. St. Helena's Governor dismissed the criticism. She said: "For St Helena, this (11) _____ the most useful airport. It's priceless." She was excited about, "(12) _____ in St Helena's history".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AIRPORTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about airports 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 **airports** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
