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ICAO ENGLISH MASTERCLASS

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GET TO KNOW YOUR TRAINER

Rachel has worked extensively in the area of English for ICAO compliance since the inception of the ICAO English proficiency requirement in 2005. She co-developed the Cathay Pacific ICAO English test with CAD acceptance, and was one of only two raters approved in Hong Kong by 2008.

At FTE Jerez (FTO) in Spain Rachel led the Aviation English Department and developed the first ICAO English test to be accepted by the UKCAA.

Rachel participated in the ICAO-ICAEA Rated Speech Samples Training Aid project in 2011 and is internationally recognized as a rater who meets ICAO standards.

During her time at FTE Jerez Rachel worked extensively with Qatar Airways on the implementation of their cadet pilot and second officer selection process.

Back at Cathay Pacific in 2012 Rachel was responsible for the outsourcing and management of the ICAO English test and annual audits and the design, development and delivery of the intensive ICAO English Training course.



1997-2008

Cathay Pacific Airways



2008-2011

FTE Jerez and Qatar Airways



2012-2017

Cathay Pacific Airways



2017- NOW

Designing and delivery of Aviation English Communication Training and Mindset Coaching



MASTERCLASS 1

Describing Aircraft Ground Movements And Accident Photos

In this Masterclass you'll learn:

- ✓ The language needed to describe a photo of an aviation emergency clearly.
- ✓ How to describe the movement of aircraft on the apron, taxiways, and runways.
- ✓ Vocabulary for describing photos of different emergencies.
- ✓ A clever technique for learning to pronounce those words correctly and clearly - so your examiner knows you have a high English level.
- ✓ The grammar for describing something that has just happened (recently-completed actions).
- ✓ How to report what is happening at the present moment.



The Movement Model

up	to towards	past	away from	down
out of	onto	off	along	into
around	across cross	over	through	between

Talk about the aircraft movements. What is happening on the apron?

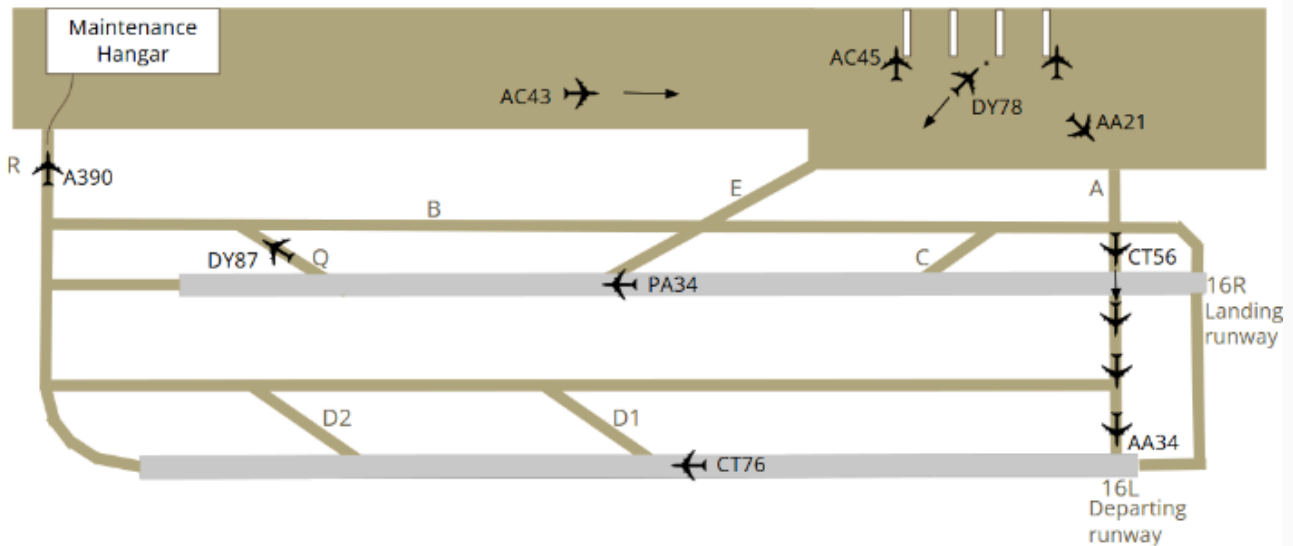


Photo Descriptions – Vocabulary And Pronunciation



Put the verbs SPRAY – WALK – LIE into the Present Continuous tense in the spaces below.

The Delta plane _____ upside down on the apron.

The Fire Services _____ water to put out the fire.

Airline personnel _____ away from the aircraft.



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Photo Descriptions - Vocabulary And Pronunciation



Put the verbs EVACUATE - COME - SPRAY - RISE into the Present Continuous tense in the spaces below.

Flames _____ from engine number 1.

Passengers _____ .

Airline personnel _____ away from the aircraft.

Clouds of thick black smoke _____ from the fuselage.

Firemen _____ water to put out the engine fire.



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Photo Descriptions – Vocabulary And Pronunciation



Put the verbs TAKE OFF – INVESTIGATE – LIE into the Present Continuous tense in the spaces below.

A philippine Airlines plane _____.

A Xiamen Air aircraft _____ on the grass next to the runway .

It looks like some safety inspectors _____ the incident.



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What has happened? – Present Perfect Tense



The firemen _____ the flames, but there is still some smoke coming from the aircraft.

All passengers _____.



Some of the passengers _____ and are walking across the apron to safety.

The emergency exit over the left wing _____.



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What has happened? – Present Perfect



Several hours _____ since the plane overshot the runway.

The runway _____ and the flying schedule is slowly returning to normal.



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What you learned today.....

.....And why it's valuable to you

- ✓ Common mistakes pilots make
- ✓ Describing photos - one of the most difficult types of ICAO test questions
- ✓ Prepositions of Movement - across the runway is different from along the runway
- ✓ Stress Markers - pronounce words correctly - And prevent misunderstanding
- ✓ Importance of Using different tenses - crucial to avoid miscommunication
Using the wrong tense has resulted in fatal accidents

Sneak preview...

- 🎯 In my ICAO Foundation course... You learn to answer ALL the ICAO test questions
- 👍 It will be available very soon - I'll announce it in the next session (and by email)
- 👉 You get Q&A & personal feedback in each lesson



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In the next class you will learn to.....

- ✓ Use the past simple tense to sequence a series of events, so you can answer listening-comprehension questions about aviation accidents in your ICAO English test.
- ✓ Pronounce verb endings in the Past Simple tense - to demonstrate accurate grammar to your examiner.
- ✓ Practice your comprehension skills by
 - ✦ Listening to an Aviation incident audio,
 - ✦ Answer specific questions, and
 - ✦ Sequence the events that took place.

These are crucial skills to master for your ICAO English test - and a language skill you'll need for incident reports and debriefings.

I know you are already feeling more confident.

You are going to improve even more in the next class.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Why do I have to learn how to pronounce words correctly? People have no problem understanding me.

Remember, every day, you communicate with an international community of aviation professionals, all speaking with different accents. If you pronounce your words correctly, misunderstandings are less likely to happen, and you'll be a safer pilot.

You've only taught us how to describe three photos. What happens when I am asked to describe a different photo?

Today, I've introduced you to vocabulary, word stress, the Present Continuous tense, and the Present Perfect tense to give you a kick start for describing photos. Like any skill, you'll need to keep practicing to build confidence and improve accuracy.

How do I know what tenses to use when the examiner asks me to describe a photo?

A good tip is to answer the question using the same tense as the question. If you are asked, "What happened in the photo?" You can use the Past Simple and say what happened. For example, "The plane overshot the runway and ended up on the grass."

What if I don't understand the examiner?

Ask, "Sorry, could you repeat the question please?" or, "Could you say it another way please?" And yes, your examiner will make a note of the repetition, but it doesn't mean you'll fail the test. But if you ask for repetition too many times, it will have a negative impact on your comprehension score. You can prevent this by improving your listening skills.



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What Students Say

Casey Yip – Cadet Applicant



"I'm very satisfied with the training. It more than prepared me for the test and I passed.

Rachel has a very lively and dynamic training approach."

Ruggero Barone – First Officer



"When I started training with Rachel, my ICAO level for the Hong Kong License was Level 4.

After completing my training with Rachel, I was able to achieve ICAO Level 5"

Cadet Applicant



"If you are considering taking ICAO English training with Rachel, do it as soon as possible!
She'll give you the utmost confidence you need to get through the ICAO English test."



Lok Ho Yin – Cadet Applicant



"Over the past 3 months this programme helped me to recognize my weaknesses, taught me the phrases we usually use in aviation and how to speak English more naturally."

Marcelo Moreno –
Cadet Pilot



"Now I know what I should improve to get 5 on my ICAO test."

What Students Say

Patrick Ip – First Officer



"It is a very good and unique experience for those local pilots who have never experienced this kind of teaching method.

Thank you Rachel for the patience and all the effort.

A very energetic and enthusiastic teacher and showing care to us."

Cadet Applicant



"I must say Rachel is a professional trainer.

She provided a friendly environment for us and we didn't feel stressed with her teaching. Also she provided many materials which were useful and comprehensive."

James Yuen – Second Officer



"Rachel is very keen to help us.

Her classes were always interesting and the content is related to our working environment.

She looked for different ways to improve our English proficiency, like introducing pronunciation practices in the course.

Also, she provides a lot of choices on the class schedules to accommodate our roster, so I can attend most of the lessons."

Cadet Applicant



"For those of you who aspire to be a commercial pilot, I would recommend you to take this programme because you could know how to improve your English if you're interested to develop your career in aviation.

And you could get a comprehensive understanding of how to reach the requirement of the ICAO English assessment."

Cadet Applicant



"I'm now able to understand the operations that take place between pilots and air traffic controllers, and how language comes into play. It helped deepen my exposure to the industry."