



## Pre-Reading Activities

### A: Vocabulary

Label the words in these pictures. *airplane* \_\_\_\_\_, *passengers* \_\_\_\_\_, *seat* \_\_\_\_\_, *child* \_\_\_\_\_



### B: Discussion

Answer these questions in pairs:

- Do you like flying in an airplane? Why or why not?*
- How often do you fly?*
- What things do you like most about flying?*
- What do you dislike about flying?*
- Do other passengers annoy you? How do they annoy you?*

## Reading Activities

### A: Understanding The Main Idea

Choose the best answer for this question about today's article. ✓

1. What do passengers dislike?
  - a. parents with noisy children
  - b. passengers who talk a lot
  - c. both answers a. and b.

## What Air Passengers Hate

1. Mon Dec 09 (Reuters) Americans hate parents who don't take care of their children on planes, a new study found. Passengers don't like parents who let their kids misbehave or cry on planes.
2. The 2013 Expedia Airplane Etiquette study talked to 1,001 American travelers. The study asked travelers what kind of passengers they disliked when they were traveling by airplane.
3. 63% of the travelers in the survey said they feel annoyed by parents traveling with noisy children.
4. Travelers in the survey also don't like passengers who

talk too much. 73% of passengers said they hate sitting next to people who talk a lot on airplanes. [85% said they are happy to talk a little.

5. Here are the five most annoying behaviors from the survey:]

- inattentive parents
- passengers who kick the seat of the person behind them
- 'smelly' passengers
- 'boozer' passengers - passengers who drink too much
- talkative passengers

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### B: Completing A Table

Complete this table of information about today's article.

<b>Name of study:</b>	
<b>Country of study:</b>	
<b>Year:</b>	
<b>Number of travelers:</b>	
<b>Subject of study:</b>	the kinds of passengers American air travelers dislike the most



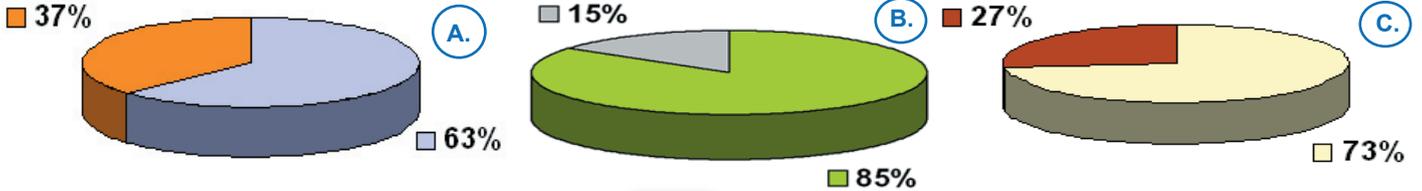
### C: Finding Synonyms

News articles often use **synonyms** - words with the same or similar meanings to other words.

1. Find a synonym for *don't like* in paragraph 2 of today's article.
2. Find a synonym for *kids* in paragraph 3 of today's article.
3. Find a synonym for *talk too much* in paragraph 5 of today's article.

### D: Understanding Numbers

Match the correct information with the correct pie chart.



- passengers who like talking a little to other passengers
- passengers who don't like talkative passengers
- passengers who don't like parents with misbehaving or crying children on planes

### Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

#### A: Do A Survey

Work in pairs. Write a survey about travel. Ask other students your questions.

#### B: What Do You Think?

An airline asks you to help young children (aged two to five years) behave well on flights. What six things can you think of to do this?

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#### C: Tell Someone Else

Today's article lists five kinds of passengers that annoy other passengers on airplanes.

Do you have any stories of talkative passengers or passengers who kick the seat in front of them? Tell another student.

# TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

## Reading Activities

### A: Understanding The Main Idea - Answer

C. is the best answer.

### B: Completing A Table - Answers

Name of study: 2013 Expedia Airplane Etiquette study

Country of study: United States

Year: 2013

Number of travelers: 1001

Subject of study: the kinds of passengers American air travelers dislike the most

### C: Finding Synonyms - Answers

1. dislike, 2. children, 3. talkative.

### D: Understanding Numbers - Answers

passengers who like talking a little to other passengers B.

passengers who don't like talkative passengers C.

passengers who don't like parents with misbehaving or crying children on planes A

