



## Pre-Reading Activities

### A: Vocabulary

Match these words with their meanings. Write the number of each picture in the correct box.

a. passenger

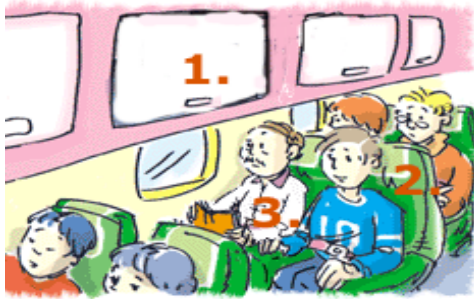
b. flight attendant

c. handbag

d. apologize (v)

e. seat

f. compartment



### B: What happens?

What happens when you fly on a plane? Put the sentences below in order from 1. - 5.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | a. You eat and drink on the plane.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | b. You get on the plane and the flight attendants say hello.                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | c. The plane takes off.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | d. You put your hand luggage under the seat or in the compartment above your seat. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | e. You walk to your plane.   |

**Words:** *take off* (v) - the plane leaves the ground, *hand luggage* - bags etc. that you can carry in your hands onto the plane.

## Reading Activities

### A: Understanding The Main Idea

Read **Part One** of the article. Answer the questions.

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|---|--|
| 1. What did the woman do?                       | 2. What did the police do?                     |
| i. She put her handbag under the seat.          | i. The police took the woman off the plane.    |
| ii. She did not put her handbag under the seat. | ii. The police put their bags under the seats. |

#### Part One:

Monday July 31, 2006 HONG KONG (Reuters) Police took a woman off an airplane after she refused to put her handbag under the seat.	(Continued.../)
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**Glossary:** *refuse* - to say no when someone asks you to do something

Read **Part Two** of the article. Answer the questions.

- |                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 3. What kind of bag was it? | 4. Where did the woman refuse to put her handbag?                         |
| i. A handbag made by Gucci. | i. Under her seat and in the compartment above her seat.                  |
| ii. A very big bag.         | ii. Under the seat in front of her and in the compartment above her seat. |

#### Part Two:

(Continued.../) The woman in the airplane refused to put her Gucci handbag under the seat in front of her or in the compartment above her seat, Apple Daily said Monday.	(Continued.../)
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## B: Fill The Gaps

Read **Part Three** of the article. Use the words in the list to fill the gaps.

### Part Three:

*floor, Gucci, Hong Kong, hour*

(Continued.../) Passengers on the Cathay Pacific flight from 1. \_\_\_\_\_ to Tokyo waited for an 2. \_\_\_\_\_ while flight attendants tried to get the woman to put her 3. \_\_\_\_\_ handbag on the 4. \_\_\_\_\_ or in the overhead compartment. (Continued.../)

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## C: True Or False

Read **Part Four** of the article. Which of the sentences are **true (T)**? Which are **false (F)**?

1. Passengers were happy when the police took the woman off the plane.
2. The police had guns.
3. The woman said sorry.
4. The woman said sorry before she got off the plane.
5. The woman was traveling with friends.
6. The woman traveled on a different flight to Tokyo.

### Part Four:

(Continued.../) Other passengers clapped when **armed** police took the woman with the bag off the airplane. The woman **later** apologized. She and four friends who also got off the same flight later took another Cathay Pacific flight to Tokyo.

"There was no **problem** on the **other** flight," a Cathay Pacific spokeswoman said.

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**Words:** *armed* - police with guns, *later* - after the right time, **problem** - something that is difficult, *other* - different from the one or ones I have said

## D: Check Your Understanding

Read the whole article. Choose the correct answers.

1. Why did the woman refuse to put her handbag under the seat?
  - i. Because it was a special bag made by Gucci.
  - ii. Because it had lots of money in it.
2. Why did the police take her off the plane?
  - i. Because she was frightened.
  - ii. Because she did not do what the flight attendants told her to do.
3. What happened to the plane?
  - i. It was late.
  - ii. It was early.
4. What did the woman do on the second flight?
  - i. She did what the flight attendants asked her to do.
  - ii. She didn't do what the flight attendants asked her to do.

## Woman With Gucci Bag Says No

Monday July 31, 2006 HONG KONG (Reuters) Police took a woman off an airplane after she refused to put her handbag under the seat.

The woman in the airplane refused to put her Gucci handbag under the seat in front of her or in the compartment above her seat, Apple Daily said Monday.

Passengers on the Cathay Pacific flight from Hong Kong to Tokyo waited for an hour while flight attendants tried to get the woman to put her Gucci handbag on the floor or in the overhead compartment.

Other passengers clapped when armed police took the woman with the bag off the airplane. The woman later apologized. She and four friends who also got off the same flight later took another Cathay Pacific flight to Tokyo.

"There was no problem on the other flight," a Cathay Pacific spokeswoman said.

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## Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

### A: Language

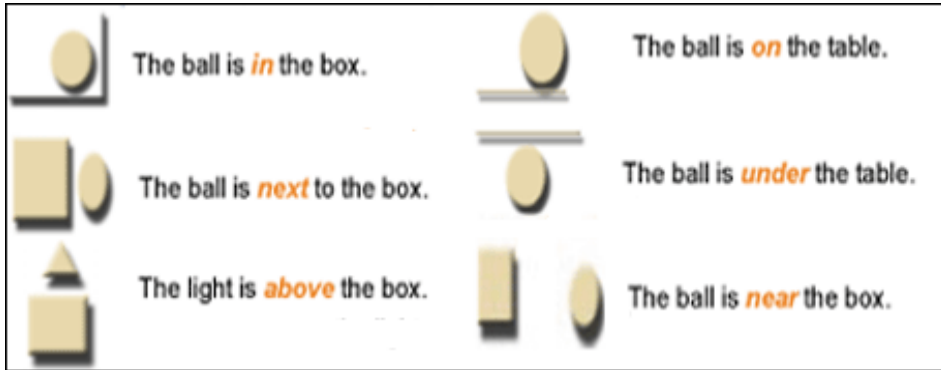
Look at these words from today's article.

... she refused to put her handbag **under** the seat.

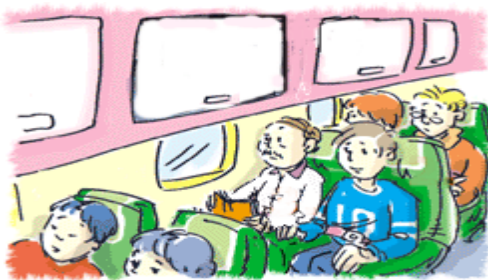
... in the compartment **above** her seat.

... while flight attendants tried to get the woman to put her Gucci handbag **on** the floor.

The words **under**, **above** and **on** are prepositions. Prepositions are words that go before nouns or pronouns to show where, when or how etc. The prepositions in the examples above show where something is or what place it is in. They are called prepositions of place. Look at some prepositions of place in the diagrams below.

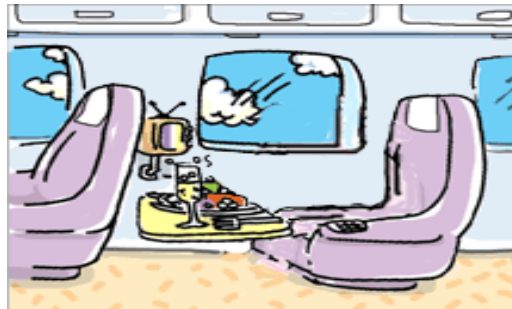


Look at the pictures. Choose the correct preposition of place in each sentence.



1. The passengers are **in/under/next to** the plane.
2. The passengers are sitting **in/under/next to** their seats.
3. The luggage compartments are **in/under/above** the seats.
4. The passengers are sitting **in/under/above** the luggage compartments.

5. The plane is **in/next to/above** the sky.
6. The wine glass is **on/next to/under** the tray.
7. The wine glass is **on/next to/under** the tray.
8. The fork is **on/next to/under** the plate.
9. The plate is **on/next to/under** the food.
10. The tray is **above/next to/under** the floor.



11. The plane is **on/under/above** the runway.
12. The plane is **in/above/near** the terminal.
13. The engines are **under/above** the wing.
14. The plane's wheels are **on/in/under** the ground.

### B: Discussion

Answer these questions in pairs.

1. How do you feel about the woman in today's article?
2. Do you think she did the right thing? Why or why not?
3. A Gucci bag is a 'designer' bag. Designer clothes or bags are clothes or bags made by a famous fashion designer like Gucci. Do you like designer bags or clothes? Why or why not?
4. Have you seen another passenger behave badly on a plane? If you have, tell other students what happened.
5. How do you feel about flying at the moment? Do you feel frightened (about bombs, crashing, terrorism etc.)?

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# TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

## Pre-Reading Activities

### A: Vocabulary - Answers

a. 3, b. 5, c. 4, d. 6, e. 2, f. 1.

### B: What happens? - Notes

This is a good opportunity to talk about what happens when passengers are boarding a plane. There may be slight differences between airlines so make sure the basics are covered: passengers board, they are welcomed and then have to stow their hand luggage safely and put on their seat belts, watch a safety demonstration before the plane takes off and they are served refreshments. You may also want to talk about what happens when threats of terrorism are high and security checks increase.

### B: What happens? - Answers

1. e, 2. b, 3. d, 4. c, 5. a.

## Reading Activities

### A: Understanding The Main Idea - Answers

1. ii, 2. i, 3. i, 4. ii.

### B: Fill The Gaps - Answers

1. Hong Kong, 2. hour, 3. Gucci, 4. floor.

### C: True Or False - Answers

1. T, 2. T, 3. T, 4. F (She said it after she got off the plane.) 5. T, 6. T.

### D: Check Your Understanding - Answers

1. i, 2. ii, 3. i, 4. i.

## Post-Reading Activities

### A: Language - Notes

For further reinforcement and/or expansion of points, you may like to try the Elementary Anna Grammar Worksheet - Prepositions of Place in the Instant Lessons Resource Library, available to gold members of English-to-go.com

### A: Language - Answers

1. in, 2. in, 3. above, 4. under, 5. in, 6. on, 7. on, 8. next to, 9. under, 10. above, 11. on, 12. near, 13. under, 14. on.

### B: Discussion - Notes

For question 3. please be sensitive to the backgrounds of your students. In many parts of the world students will not be able to afford designer wear. This is an opportunity to talk about the things people value and why they value them. However, it should not provide an opportunity for some students to mock other students for being poor etc.

