



AIR TRANSPORT

Glossary

air transport	to crash	to convey
to be unlikely	to stop	to build, built, built
to avoid	to extend	to be linked
to adopt	to restrict	to travel
to fight	to practice	to carry
to meet the demand	to seat	to sell, sold, sold
to deliver	to notice	the chances
a plane	headlines	the massive expansion
journey	runways	the prospects
gridlock	the skies	existing airports
high-speed trains	principal	low-cost company's
taxes	city's residents	noise
anti-noise protesters	air traffic	a losing battle
the airlines	a cutthroat competition	a super jumbo
an aircraft	behemoth	a giant
double deck	wingspan	fuselage
flying	passenger	space
offshore	up to	huge

And now a dialogue between Wentworth and Sarah...

- Wentworth: Sarah, did you know that, statistically, the chances of your plane crashing is little more than three in a million? But the headlines do not always convey the same impression.
- Sarah: Yes, I've heard something like that. The massive expansion of flying is unlikely to stop. The number of passenger journeys should be 400 million a year by 2020.
- Wentworth: Apparently, new runways will have to be built at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stanston by 2030, to avoid the prospect of gridlock in the skies over London.
- Sarah: Rather than extending the existing airports, why not build new airports offshore, linked to city center by high-speed trains. It's the kind of principle that low-cost companies have adopted to reduce their taxes. And it's better for cities residents in terms of noise and pollution.
- Wentworth: Good idea. Anti-noise protesters would like to restrict air traffic, but it seems to be impossible. With more and more people wanting to travel by air, it's like fighting a losing battle, as the airline's practice a cutthroat competition to carry a maximum of passengers to meet the growling demand.
- Sarah: Well, even more, since the commercialization of A380 Airbus new super jumbo, which can seat up to 850 passengers.



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- Wentworth: Definitely. I read the Airbus sold and delivered already 167 aircrafts. Have you ever traveled in this behemoth?
- Sarah: Yes indeed. It's huge. It's a giant double deck plane with an 80 meter wingspan and a 73 meter long fuselage. But as a passenger, I didn't notice more space between seats than a normal aircraft.