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## Listening comprehension WINTER IS COMING

Heard that a lot lately? Well, I just couldn't pass it up, and it says it all! It tells of short days and cold temperatures, of poor visibilities, low ceilings and raging snowstorms. There is no denying that the prospects for the months to come, weather-wise, are rather bleak. And keep in mind that meteorological conditions don't have to be extreme to be dangerous, as [www.pilotworkshop.com](http://www.pilotworkshop.com) pointed out some months ago in one of its tips entitled: "What's worse than bad weather? Marginal weather that turns bad!"

Below is the transcript of some ATIS and ATIS extract recordings gathered over the last winter. Listen to the audio version on [www.anglais-pour-voler.com](http://www.anglais-pour-voler.com) and fill in the blanks. For the sake – and the fun – of practicing jotting them down, some numbers have also been deleted. One dash is a word or a number.

### OSLO

Oslo Gardermoen departure information  
Mike, time 1-0-2-0  
Runway 0-1 left in use  
Runway (- 1) condition 0-1 left  
Estimated (- 1) (- 2) at time 1-0-0-0  
First part (- 3) to (- 4), second and third part (- 3)  
First part 3mm (- 5), second and third part 8 mm (- 6)  
(- 2) (- 3) on taxiways  
Met report, runway 0-1 left  
Wind 1-9-0 degrees 5 knots (- 7) between 1-4-0 and 2-3-0 degrees  
Visibility 7 kilometers, (- 8)

Cloud few at (- 9) feet, broken at (- 10) feet  
Temperature (- 11) 7, dewpoint (- 11) 1-0  
QNH 1-0-2-7  
NOSIG  
Acknowledge information Mike on first contact

### RUNWAY (- 1) CONDITION

- Runway (- 1) condition at 0-5-1-9 Zoulou, runway 1-1/2-9 10% (- 12), 5% (- 13), 85% (- - - 14)  
- Runway 2-4 touchdown (- 15), midpoint (- 15), stop end (- 15), (- 16) and taxiways may be (- 17), (- - 18) when taxiing  
- All taxiways, lights (- 19), (- 20) (- 19), (- 12), 3-feet (- 21)  
- Runway 1-3/3-1 and runway 4/2-2 one inch dry (- 22) snow and 1-2-inch (- 21)

### RUNWAY (- 1) TREATMENT

- First and second part (- 13), third part (- - 23) 8mm (- 6) on (- 13), runway (- 24), (- 17) taxiways, (- 25) (- 13) 1-0% (- 26) runway (- 27)  
- Runway 4/2-2 (- 28), (- 29) taxiways (- 28), (- - - 30) (- -31) all surfaces, all (- 20) and (- 1) marking (- 19)  
- Runway 1-3 right 3-1 left one (- 32) inch (- 6) over (- 12), (- - 33) and (- 24)  
- Runway (- 34) with (- 35)

### VISIBILITY, SIGNIFICANT WEATHER, CLOUDS

- Temporarily visibility (- 36) meters, (- 8), clouds broken at (- 37) feet

- Wind 0-8-0 at 2-2 (- 38) 4-3, visibility 2 and 1 (- 39), (- 40) rain, (- 41), sky condition overcast (- 42)  
- (- 43) (- 44), (- 41), sky condition broken (- 45), overcast (- 46)  
- (- 43) (- 47) rain, (- - 48), (- 41), ceiling (- 49) broken, (- 50) broken, (- 51) overcast  
- Remarks (- 1) visibility 1 and 1 (- 39)  
- Ceiling (- 7) between (- 52) and (- 53)  
- Visibility 1 (- 32), (- 40) snow, (- 47) fog, (- 54) snow  
- Aerodrome (- - 55) by fog, cloud vertical visibility (- 56) feet, temporarily visibility (- 57) meters, fog, sky (- 19)  
- QNH 0-9-8-3 hectopascal, 2-9 decimal 0-3 inches, (- - - 58)  
- Low visibility procedures (- - 59)

### BRAKING ACTION

- Braking action (- 60) are (- - 61)  
- Braking action (- 4), (- 4), (- 4). Time of (- 2) test 0-7-0-9

### ICING

- (- 62) (- 63) icing (- 64) below (- 10) feet in the vicinity of the airport  
- (- 62) icing (- 65) between (- 1) and flight level 1-2-0  
- Kennedy airport (- - 66) (- - 61), aircraft (- 67) contact (- - 68) (- 69) company operations for departure (- 70) time

Answers  
1 - surface, 2 - friction, 3 - medium, 4 - good, 5 - slush, 6 - dry snow, 7 - variable, 8 - light snow, 9 - 2500, 10 - 4000, 11 - minus, 12 - compacted snow, 13 - ice, 14 - bare and dry, 15 - damp, 16 - aprons, 17 - slippery, 18 - exercise caution, 19 - obscured, 20 - signs, 21 - snowbanks, 22 - patchy, 23 - less than, 24 - sanded, 25 - contamination, 26 - along, 27 - edges, 28 - closed, 29 - numerical, 30 - work in progress, 31 - snow removal, 32 - quarter, 33 - de-iced solid, 34 - treated, 35 - chemicals, 36 - 3000, 37 - 400, 38 - gusts, 39 - half, 40 - heavy, 41 - mist, 42 - 1100, 43 - light, 44 - drizzle, 45 - 700, 46 - 1300, 47 - freezing, 48 - ice pellets, 49 - 900, 50 - 50 - 1400, 51 - 7500, 52 - 600, 53 - 1200, 54 - blowing, 55 - partially covered, 56 - 100, 57 - 500, 58 - pressure falling rapidly, 59 - in operation, 60 - advisories, 61 - in effect, 62 - moderate, 63 - time, 64 - reported, 65 - forecast, 66 - de-icing plan, 67 - operators, 68 - operators, 69 - through, 70 - sequence