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Now available on the **Appstore**, the collection of "In English, please" articles from June 2007 to December 2016, with audio recordings when available.

DOUBLE THE PLEASURE, FIND THE TREASURE WITH ELIOT'S PRACTICE PAPERS

The first Info-pilote's «In English, please» article was published in June 2007. This first **installment** was entitled «En Vol Pour Jersey» (yes, the title was in French!) and proposed tips and advice for a flight to the biggest of the Channel Islands. Over the years, at the rate of one article a month, all kinds of aviation-related topics have been **featured** in a variety of ways: written articles, listening comprehension exercises, quizzes, crosswords, web quests, ...

The professed intention was to help pilots practice basic language skills and incite them to fly abroad. However, over the course of eleven years of monthly **head-scratching** in search of an interesting subject for the reader to work on, it has become obvious that «In English, please» was more a **means** of adding an aeronautical layer to an already decent level of general English rather than a way of **hauling** a student from hesitant to average English, an **endeavor** well beyond the **scope** of a monthly one-page article. Reaching and maintaining a workable level in any language is synonymous with long term commitment, as already mentioned in the different articles giving tips⁽¹⁾ to reach such a goal.

DOUBLE THE PLEASURE

Yet, even for a simple upgrade from general to aviation English, one study session a month is not quite enough, and this is why Eliot's Practice Papers have appeared online since August 2017. After a summer of deep reflection over this first year of activity, it appears that the best workload/frequency ratio to keep the FCL 055 **seeker** on his/her toes would be one practice paper per month, around the 15th, to come halfway between two Info-pilote issues and therefore double his/her exposure to aviation English practice.

Since the first issue, Eliot's Practice Papers have evolved to become a series of 5 exer-

cises to help work on vocabulary, reading and listening comprehension, general English, and grammar. A word game is also part of the package to lighten up the atmosphere.

FIND THE TREASURE

To give you a better idea of what this is all about, let's go on a treasure hunt through some of the practice papers already available at www.anglais-pour-voler.com/practice/. Below are 6 multiple-choice questions. You'll find the answer to the first one in Practice Paper #4, then the number between brackets following the right answer will tell you which practice paper to go to next. The treasure will be hidden in the last exercise.

1 - Hurricane season is back, with «Florence» threatening the US East Coast at the time of writing this article, but do you know the difference between a hurricane, a typhoon, and a cyclone?

- the name depends on the strength of the storm. (PP #6)
- the only difference is the location from where the storm occurs. (PP #7)
- only typhoons evolve from tropical storms. (PP #8)

2 - Complete the «diagram» exercise. In which category would you place a glider?

- the same category as a **blimp**. (PP #12)
- in a category of its own. (PP #13)
- lighter than air, non-power driven aircraft category. (PP #14)

3 - Read the December 2012 «In English, please» article. What is get-there-itis?

- a bad case of air sickness. (PP #1)
- a plan continuation bias. (PP #2)
- never mind what it is, GA pilots are not affected. (PP #3)

4 - Listen to Ogden (Utah) ATIS. Runway 16/34 is equipped with pilot-controlled lighting:

- yes (PP #5)
- no (PP #6)

5 - What is a «pangram»?

- a word that can be read forward and backwards. (PP #14)
- a pantomimed anagram. (PP #15)
- a sentence incorporating all the letters of the alphabet. (PP #16)

6 - Read myth #5 in the listening comprehension «interesting post». What protects you from lightning when you are in a car?

- the rubber tires. (PP #15)
- the **surge arrester** it is equipped with. (PP #16)
- the metal roof and sides. (PP #17)

7 - Complete the wordsearch to find the treasure, in the form of a hidden Chinese proverb.

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VOCABULARY

A BLIMP	un dirigeable
AN ENDEAVOR	un effort, une entreprise
TO FEATURE	présenter
TO HAUL	tirer, hisser
AN INSTALLMENT	épisode
A MEANS	un moyen
A SCOPE	un objectif
TO SCRATCH	gratter
TO SEEK	chercher
A SURGE ARRESTER	un parafoudre, un limiteur de surtension