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"In English, please" articles from
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recordings when available.

Internet scavenger hunt Put your thinking cap back on

This month's "In English, please" is a mix between an internet treasure hunt and a word game. The hunt will take you to various sites that have been previously recommended in this section to help you practice your English. They are all easily accessible via the Links page at www.anglais-pour-voler.com. Follow the trail with the questionnaire below and answer the multiple choice questions. At the end of the questionnaire, arrange the letters associated with your answers to read a clue that will lead you to a city. The number next to the letter indicates how many times that letter appears in the clue.

General English sites

- 1 - Start the quest at www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish. Find the 6 Minute English episode posted in March 2012 discussing Hong Kong's airport expansion. Listen to the audio recording and answer Rob's question: In 2012, what was the world's biggest airport in terms of size?
 - Denver International Airport in the USA (y - 2)
 - Dubai Airport in the United Arab Emirates (z - 1)
 - King Fahd International Airport in Saudi Arabia (a - 2)

- 2 - The next step will take you to www.esl-lab.com. Listen to the "Airport Announcement" exercise. Flight 17 will be delayed because:
 - the departure gate has been changed (c - 2)
 - of inclement weather outside (d - 1)
 - the flight is slightly overbooked (e - 2)

Aeronautical English sites

- 3 - On Wikipedia's aviation portal at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:Aviation>, in the Aircraft Operations subcategory, look for the page on "Overhead Join". At the bottom of the page, click on the "Standard Overhead Join 3-D diagram". The link will direct you to the CAA official website and to one of their awareness posters. On this poster, the joining phases are described as:
 - joining (w - 1)

- joining, circuit letdown, circuit (x - 1)
 - joining, circuit letdown, circuit, departure (y - 2)
- 4 - Still on Wikipedia's aviation portal type "Skybrary" in the search box and find your way to the home page of this Eurocontrol comprehensive site dealing on aviation safety. Once there, select the Weather portal. Find out what is a precipitation that evaporates before it hits the ground:
 - a waterspout (p - 1)
 - a haboob (q - 1)
 - a virga (r - 3)

Phraseology

- 5 - Return to the Skybrary homepage and go to the Air Ground Communication toolkit entitled "Allclear?" In the Interactive Training section, click on the link "A guide to phraseology for general aviation pilots in Europe" to download a 50-page document published by the European General Aviation Safety Team (EGAST), an EASA working group. This booklet covers the basics in VFR communications. Find out in the Cross Country Flight chapter what an initial call should consist of:
 - the aircraft and the station's full callsigns (w - 1)
 - the aircraft's abbreviated callsign and the station's full callsign (x - 1)
 - the aircraft and the station's full callsigns, type of aircraft, position, intentions, POB (y - 2)

- 6 - For a more thorough approach to British phraseology, check out the CAA "Radiotelephony Manual" at www.caa.co.uk, in the Publications section. Called CAP 413, it is the British equivalent to the SIA's "Manuel de formation à la phraséologie". In chapter 4, Aerodrome Phraseology, read the section pertaining to operations at unattended aerodromes. In the case of operations outside the published hours of a UK aerodrome with an allocated frequency, pilots should:
 - broadcast their intentions on the aerodrome frequency (o - 3)

- broadcast their intentions on the Safetycom frequency 135,475 (p - 1)
- only monitor 121,5 (q - 1)

Listening comprehension

- 7 - www.liveatc.net is so well-known that there is no need to present it. Log in to have access to the Live ATC Discussion Forums. In the Aviation Audio Clips section, listen to the recording about a drone in Warsaw airspace. What was the drone's altitude?
 - 1500 feet (a - 2)
 - 100 meters (b - 1)
 - 2500 feet (c - 2)
- 8 - Listening to various aerodromes' ATIS recordings by phone is a good way to practice noting down ATIS information. On www.metoffice.gov.uk, type GetMet in the search box and find Edinburgh ATIS' phone number. Is it:
 - 0121 780 0910 (d - 1)
 - 0131 333 6216 (e - 2)
 - 0141 887 7449 (f - 1)
- 9 - A lot of aviation-related videos are available on www.youtube.com and they don't all have subtitles! Watch the video posted by the pilot of the Citation V N365EA, showing his VFR departure from KSSL, an uncontrolled aerodrome. What was his destination?
 - Savannah, Georgia (l - 1)
 - Vienna, Virginia (m - 1)
 - Danbury municipal airport, Connecticut (n - 1)

The clue:

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Once you have discovered the city, listen to the recording on www.anglais-pour-voler.com. The last question is: what was the runway in use at this city's airport at the time the ATIS was recorded?

The first ten hunters to send the right answer to the clue and to the last question to d_defossez@orange.fr will get a free download of the "Eliot" application from the Appstore.