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And inconvenience there is! Delays, stranded passengers, disruption of airline operations with **knock-on effects** sometimes thousands of miles away. Airport shutdowns also impact the economic activity of a whole region. And then there is the **hassle** of putting everything back into gear once the airport reopens! Tempelhof airport **closed down** in October 2008 and has recently been transformed into Germany's largest **shelter** for migrants to help **alleviate** the Syrian refugee crisis. This is a rather extreme outcome as most of the time airports are only temporarily shut down or partially closed. It can happen for a number of reasons, predictable or not: restricted operational hours, weather, accidents, technical problems, work in progress, strikes, demonstrations by **local residents**, suspicion of terrorist activity, special events such as airshows or competitions, wildlife incursions, FODs.

Below is a **medley** of such situations. Listen to the audio version on www.anglais-pour-voler.com and find the missing words in the transcript. For practice, some numbers have been deleted as well. One dash is a word or a number. Some of the recordings are from www.liveatc.net.

Bad weather at Kennedy
CTL JetBlue (**1 - - -**) Kennedy is closed, go around, fly (**2 - -**) and maintain 2000.
PIL Ok, (**2 - -**), 2000, JetBlue (**1 - - -**).
CTL And American (**3 - -**), I don't know if you want to go back to the (**4 -**) or if you would just want to (**5 - -**) but the airport is closed.
PIL OK ... any idea (**6 - -**), or ... we'll (**7 -**) with the company, but ...
CTL Yeah, we just got the (**8 -**) ... I (**9 -**) they are going to have to (**10 -**) the runways and taxiways, so ... I don't really have an (**11 -**), I'm sure they'll do the runway first, but I don't really have an (**11 -**).

PIL Ok ... we'll (**12 - -**) to the company, we'll (**13 - -**).

Caution, kangaroos ahead!
CTL There was a (**14 - -**) onto the runway ... by (**15 -**); one has been (**16 -**) however they are still looking for the others. The Australian Federal Police has closed Brisbane airport (**17 - - -**), any further (**18 -**) I'll pass on ... on this frequency.
CTL (**19 - -**), considering the (**20 -**), there are quite a few aircraft considering the Gold Coast as an alternate.
PIL Do you feel it will be (**21 -**) in the next 1-0 minutes or not?
CTL We have an (**11 -**) that the federal police will update us in 10 minutes, 1-0 minutes, but that's not necessarily going to be a (**22 - -**).

Fort Lauderdale Executive airport
CTL N (**23 - - -**) FL Executive tower roger, airport is closed at this time, (**24 - -**), I have no idea (**6 - -**) it's going to be.
PIL OK, I guess ... any chance I could (**25 - -**) for (**26 - - -**)?
CTL 11FL roger, maintain VFR and (**27 - - -**) the D airspace, I'll keep you (**28 -**) as soon I hear something.
...
CTL Aztec 44NA be (**28 -**) Fort Lauderdale Executive airport is closed, I have no idea when it's going to open yet, Sir, (**24 - -**).

Stafford, Virginia
ATIS Stafford regional airport will be closing at approximately (**29 -**) today in anticipation of the (**30 -**). Runway 15/33 are (**31 -**) closed. We anticipate them remaining closed until 27 January at approximately 1200 Z. It goes without saying all (**32 - -**) are (**33 -**) as well. Everybody please be (**34 -**), we'll see you when this is over.

Ottawa reopens runway 32
CTL Porter 255 do you have a (**35 -**) there?
PIL 1 (**36 -**), Sir, go ahead
CTL Runway 32 has been closed in Ottawa since last May, we just (**37 -**) it, we haven't had one lander on it, you'd be the first one. Media is already there, they want to (**38 - -**) and all of that. Are you interested at all? The wind is 0-7-0 at 11 knots, if you are not and you want to land on 0-7 we (**39 -**) that, but they wanted someone to land on 32, and there may be some (**40 -**) to get out of that.
PIL 1 OK, yes, (**36 -**) we can do it, no problem.
...
PIL 2 Thanks very much, (**41 - -**) in the air, we're cleared for takeoff runway 32, Air Canada 4-5-3, thank you for letting us be n°1 (**42 -**).
CTL It seems that that (**43 -**) is not there anymore at C.
PIL 2 (**44 - -**).

Miscellaneous
ATIS (**45 - -**) closed.
ATIS Taxiway H (**46 -**) closed.
ATIS (**47 - -**) taxiway Bravo closed.
CTL (**48 - - -**) your intentions. (**49 - - -**), we are closed (**17 - - -**).
CTL The airport is closed right know, we are working on some (**50 - -**).

Vocabulary
TO ALLEVIATE:	soulager, réduire
TO CLOSE DOWN:	fermer définitivement
A CONTINGENCY PLAN:	plan de secours, d'urgence
TO HANG OUT:	général : trainer (avec des amis)
	Ici : attendre (au point d'arrêt)
A HASSLE:	une prise de tête
A KNOCK-ON EFFECT:	une répercussion
LOCAL RESIDENTS:	riverains
A MEDLEY:	mélange, pot-pourri
NOON:	midi
A SHELTER:	un abri