

## Weekly Academic Review

### Anything Flies

## Week 4

**Directions:** Read to find out what types of cargo are shipped by air. Mark the location of the answers on any question that labels which paragraph the answer can be found.

1 "If you had told me ten years ago when I took that computer course that we'd be flying together, I wouldn't have believed it," Charlie said while waiting to taxi to the runway.

2 "Hey." Pat replied, "we've done just fine these last three years. There really has been a lot of water under the bridge, though, hasn't there?"

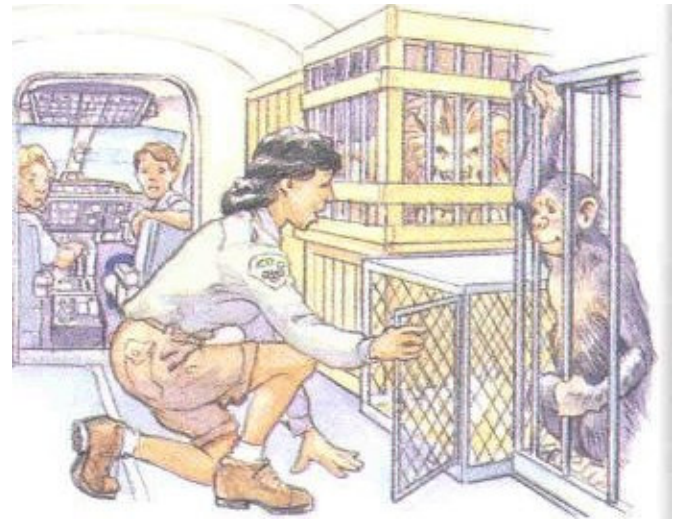
3 Pat glanced back at the cargo bay of the Vista. It was like the fuselage of a huge passenger plane, except that it had no seats, windows, or anything except racks and stacks of containers. This time they were filled with roses that Pat and Charlie were taking to New Jersey from Oregon.

4 "Our cargo hasn't always smelled this sweet," laughed Pat. She thought of the trip they took with some of the creatures from the Columbus Zoo. What a flight that was! Both she and Charlie were terrified when the zoo employees couldn't find one of the poisonous snakes. Charlie was sure they would find it in their luggage. Luckily, Riva, the zoo manager, found that it was safe in its mislabeled crate.

5 The Vista had flown a wide variety of goods all over the world with Pat and Charlie at the helm. They had flown computer chips to Asia, plants from Brazil, and heavy trucks and cars from Europe. They had even flown racehorses from the Middle East to Kentucky.

6 Their air cargo list was nearly endless. They had shipped medicine, clothes, mail, hazardous materials, freezers, and car parts. They had also carried books and newspapers that were ready for sale not long after the ink was dry.

7 "In all this time, we've lost only one load," said Charlie. "Remember when we



had the misfortune of being snowed in for three days in Denver with those twenty tons of vegetables? What a smell that was when we unloaded in Dallas! If we had been smarter, we would have set up the world's biggest salad bar when we had the chance." 8 "We've lost only one load, but we haven't always been punctual," Pat admitted. "Some people have had to wait a long time for their payroll checks."

9 "They could have waited a lot longer. Those checks could have been shipped by truck or train," Charlie responded.

10 "That's true," Pat agreed. "I know that the fruits and vegetables we transport can be made available to consumers in less than twenty-four hours from the time of harvest. Before cargo planes, produce had to be picked when it was still green. If not, it would spoil on the way.

11 "You know, though." Pat continued, "I don't think we've ever been more careful than when we transported those paintings from the Louvre Museum to Washington."

12 "You can't exactly repaint those pictures." Charlie added. "Yes. I guess I did a pretty good job of training you."

13 "Isn't it the other way around?" Pat said.

14 Charlie just laughed as the Vista headed down the runway to the waiting sky.

## Knowing the Words

Write the words from the story that have the means below.

1. baggage \_\_\_\_\_  
(par. 4)
2. head \_\_\_\_\_  
(par. 5)
3. dangerous \_\_\_\_\_  
(Par. 6)
4. prompt \_\_\_\_\_  
(Par. 8)
5. buyers \_\_\_\_\_  
(Par. 10)
6. carried \_\_\_\_\_  
(Par. 11)
7. Find the **idiom** in the story and write it on the first line. Write the meaning of the idiom on the second line.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Par. 2)

## Learning to Study

Dictionary definitions, or meanings, are most often short phrases, but they can also be single words. Find the entry words below in a dictionary. Then write the definitions that relate to air travel.

1. taxi \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. runway \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. cargo \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. container \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. bay \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Reading and Thinking

1. Check the word that best describes Pat when she says, "We haven't always been punctual."

- \_\_\_\_\_ lazy  
\_\_\_\_\_ honest  
\_\_\_\_\_ early

2. Check the sentence that best expresses the main idea of the story.

- \_\_\_\_\_ A snake was lost in flight.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pat and Charlie are friends.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cargo planes ship a variety of goods.

3. Based on what you read in this story, check the words that describe the Vista.

- \_\_\_\_\_ huge                      \_\_\_\_\_ modern  
\_\_\_\_\_ fast                      \_\_\_\_\_ dark inside

Write the word that best completes each sentence.

6. The control tower is \_\_\_\_\_  
the hangar.  
  
connecting      adjoining      transporting
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the body of  
an airplane.  
fuselage      cockpit      hangar

## Working with Words

A **prefix** is a letter or a group of letters added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning. The prefix **mis-** means "badly" or "wrongly." Add the prefix **mis-** to these words.

1. labeled \_\_\_\_\_
2. fortune \_\_\_\_\_
3. behave \_\_\_\_\_
4. place \_\_\_\_\_