

Reading news with the NET (Term 2, 2013-14)
Language Across the Curriculum (LAC)



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The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines flight MH370

馬航航班 MH370 失蹤之謎

March 8

- 12.41am: Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 **takes off** (起飛) from **Kuala Lumpur** (吉隆坡) with 239 people on board, including 12 **crew** (機組人員), scheduled to arrive in Beijing just under six hours later.
- 1.30am: The plane **vanishes** (消失) from Malaysian **radar** (雷達). No **distress call** (求助) has been made.

March 9

- **Vietnam** (越南) **launches** (展開) **search operation** (搜索行動)
- Malaysia suggests that the plane may have **strayed off course** (偏離航道)

March 10 -14

- **The FBI** (聯邦調查局) has been called in to investigate **whether** (是否) it is **related to** (有關) **terrorist attacks** (恐怖襲擊).
- Malaysian **authorities** (當局) say the most likely cause is a mid-air **explosion** (爆炸) caused either by a **bomb** (炸彈), or a **technical fault** (技術故障) brought about by **hijack** (劫機) or **mental problems** (精神問題).
- Malaysian authorities **admit** (承認) that they are unsure which direction the plane was flying when it disappeared. Final words of the **pilot** (機師) are released: “All right. Good night.”

March 15 – 17

- Police **raid** (突擊搜查) homes of the pilots.
- Malaysia Airlines **reveals** (透露) that the plane's **communications equipment** (通訊儀器) was **deliberately** (故意) turned off.
- A newspaper reports the plane may have flown at low **altitude** (高度) to **avoid** (避開) radars.

March 21-23

- US **satellite data** (衛星資料) shows images of a **suspicious object** (可疑物件) which looks like **floating debris** (碎片).
- A Chinese satellite **identifies** (辨認出) another large object in **the Indian Ocean** (印度洋).

March 24-25

- Australian **Prime Minister** (澳洲首相/總理) Tony Abbott tells **Parliament** (國會) more possible **wreckage** (殘骸) **has been spotted** (被發現).
- Malaysian Prime Minister **announces** (宣佈) MH370 **crashed into** (墜毀) the southern Indian Ocean, killing all on board.

Useful vocabulary items

Please repeat the following words / phrases after Mr Lyons when you hear the beep, and fill in the gap(s) in each example as you listen.

1. vanish (v) ; disappear (v) 消失

e.g. R_____, an airplane has m_____ vanished shortly after takeoff.

2. explosion (n) 爆炸

e.g. People b_____ that there was a b_____ explosion on the plane.

3. terrorist attack (n) 恐怖襲擊

e.g. The FBI is i_____ whether the case is r_____ to a terrorist attack.

4. communications (n) 通訊

5. deliberately (adv) 故意

e.g. The communications e_____ on the airplane was deliberately turned off.

6. suspicious (adj) 可疑的

e.g. A_____ to a s_____ image, a suspicious object was found f_____ in the sea.

7. debris (n) 碎片

e.g. Many countries have been searching for the debris of the m_____ airplane.

8. hijack (v) / (n) 騎劫

e.g. It is possible that some t_____ hijacked the plane.

9. crash (v) / (n) 墜毀

e.g. The plane p_____ crashed into the Indian Ocean, killing all people on board in the t_____.

Sentence-making exercise

Please make ONE sentence in each question, and your English teacher will go over this exercise with you in class. Make sure you complete this homework and it will be graded by your teacher.

1. disappear (v) ; disappearance (n) 消失

e.g. The plane suddenly **disappeared from** radar.

e.g. The **disappearance** of the plane remains a mystery.

Make one sentence:

2. explosion (n) ; explode (v) 爆炸

e.g. There have been reports of bomb **explosions**.

e.g. A bomb has just **exploded** outside.

Make one sentence:

3. communication (n) ; communicate (v) 溝通

e.g. We like to **communicate with** our friends through WhatsApp.

e.g. We need to have better **communication with** our parents.

Make one sentence:

4. mystery (n) 謎 ; mysterious (adj) 神秘的 ; mysteriously (adv) 神秘地

e.g. The disappearance of the plane is a **mystery**.

e.g. MH 370 has disappeared in a **mysterious** way.

e.g. MH 370 has disappeared **mysteriously**.

Make one sentence:

5. terrorist (n) 恐怖分子 ; terrorism (n) 恐怖主義 ; terror (n) 恐懼

e.g. Some people think that the plane crash is related to **terrorist** attacks.

e.g. Many countries have been fighting against **terrorism**.

e.g. During wars, people have to live in **terror**.

Make one sentence:

6. crash (n) / (v) 撞車 / 撞機

e.g. Nobody knows why the plane **crashed** (v).

e.g. He was injured in a car **crash** (n) this morning.

Make one sentence:

Grade: