# Lesson 78: By air

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Why did the plane turn back?

I used to travel by air a great deal when I was a boy.

My parents used to live in South America, and I used to fly there from Europe on holidays.

A flight attendant would take charge of me, and I never had an unpleasant experience.

I am used to traveling by air, and only on one occasion have I ever felt frightened.

After taking off, we were flying low over the city and slowly gaining height when the plane suddenly turned around and flew back to the airport.

While we were waiting to land, a flight attendant told us to keep calm and to get off the plane quietly as soon as it had touched down.

Everybody on board was worried, and we were curious to find out what had happened.

Later we learned that there was a very important person on board.

The police had been told that a bomb had been planted on the plane.

After we had landed, the plane was searched thoroughly.

Fortunately, nothing was found, and five hours later we were able to take off again.

The plane took off and flew low over the city.

When it was slowly gaining height, it suddenly had to return to the airport.

Meanwhile, the passengers were told to keep calm.

After they had disembarked, they learned that there was a very important person on board.

Someone had told the police that a bomb had been planted on the plane, but though it was searched, nothing was found.

Five hours later, it took off again.

I am used to traveling by plane because it is both comfortable and fast.

But only on one occasion did I feel uncomfortable and frightened as well.

After the plane took off, we were flying smoothly over the city and slowly gaining height.

Just at that point, a passenger, who had never taken a plane before, accidentally threw a lighted cigarette into an air vent.

He thought it was an ashtray.

Soon afterwards, the plane was filled with smoke, and the passengers began to panic.

As a result, the plane turned around and flew back.

Meanwhile, a flight attendant told us to keep calm.

The plane returned to the airport at last, and we were told to get off the plane as fast as possible.

Some fire engines and ambulances were waiting there.

Fortunately, no one was hurt, and the fire was put out soon.

Two hours later, we were able to take off again.

After taking off, we were flying over the city.

He took off his coat.

He is always taking his teacher off.

Young Tom takes after his father.

That wardrobe takes up a lot of space.

He has taken up French.

When his wife died, he took to drinking.

He was so persuasive that I was taken in.

The reporter took down everything I said.

That business was doing very badly until Jones took over.

Who will take over when the present director leaves?

As soon as he got into the lift, he took his hat off.

You shouldn't be taken in by stories like that.

Last year he took up Russian; now he's taking up Chinese.

None of my children takes after me.

The new rocket will take off from Cape Canaveral.

"Please take down this letter for me, Pamela," the manager said.

He takes off people so well he ought to go on the stage.

The airplane had to return shortly after it had taken off.

The plane had to return because there was fear of an explosion.

I still travel a great deal today.

I used to travel a lot.

Since when have you been traveling?

Since I was a boy.

I used to fly to South America during the holidays.

It was a frightening experience.

I always went on a long trip.

She was responsible.

I am accustomed to it.

She told us not to be nervous.

We wanted to know.

Only on one occasion have I ever felt frightened .