

M: Hello English learners! Welcome back to **EnglishPod**! My name is **Marco**.

E: And I'm **Erica**.

M: And today we have a great lesson for all our **upper intermediate** students.

E: That's right. We're talking about airplane travel today.

M: Airplane travel.

E: Uhu.

M: Right. So, we're gonna be in an airplane, basically.

E: Yes, and we're gonna be listening, um, to some of the common things you might hear on, ah, an announcement in the airplane.

M: Yeah, usually the flight attendant or the captain will come on and say something and, well, usually it's in English, so we gotta understand what they're saying.

E: That's right, and we'll also learn some great phrases that you can use when you wanna describe flights to your friends...

M: Right.

E: When you're talking to them.

M: Yeah, that always happens you arrive somewhere and people are like, **hey, how was you flight?** Now you know how to answer it, right?

E: Exactly.

M: Okay. So, why don't we take a look at our "**vocabulary preview**"?

Voice: Vocabulary preview.

E: We've got three words for you here in vocabulary preview all about flying.

M: Okay, so what's our first one?

E: **Turbulence**.

M: Turbulence.

E: Turbulence.

M: Turbulence.

E: So, turbulence. How can we describe this?

M: Well, turbulence, when you're in an airplane, basically is air that is moving in all directions really fast.

E: Okay, so what happens?

M: So, the airplane will start to shake.

E: Okay.

M: Right?

E: Yep.

M: It's the same thing if you're flying a kite and maybe some turbulence is in the air your kite will maybe fall to the ground.

E: Ouh, ex...

M: Yeah. So it's... air that's moving in all directions that's really turbulent.

E: Alright, well, we'll hear how this word is used in the dialogue, um...

M: Uhu.

E: But another airplane word we hear a lot, um, **crew**.

M: Crew.

E: Crew.

M: Flight crew.

E: Yes. C-R-E-W, crew.

M: Uhu. So, the flight crew is basically the team.

E: Yes.

M: Right?

E: Yep.

M: It's, ah, all the people that are in the airplane. So, it's basically the captain or in... the co-pilot and all the flight attendants, right?

E: Exactly, yeah.

M: That's the flight crew.

E: Yes.

M: Okay, and what about out last word?

E: **Bumpy ride.**

M: Bumpy ride.

E: A bumpy ride.

M: Bumpy.

E: Not smooth.

M: Not smooth.

E: Yeah.

M: So, what would be an example of a bumpy ride?

E: Okay, imagine if you're driving in your car, um...

M: Uhu.

E: And you you're driving on a dirt road...

M: Uhu.

E: Like with many holes in it and everything.

M: And rocks and everything.

E: Yes, you're driving on that route and that would be really really bumpy.

M: Right, so your car will be moving a lot.

E: And shaking, yeah...

M: Exactly.

E: Yeah. So a bumpy ride is, um, a trip where you move and shake a lot, so... kind of uncomfortable.

M: So you can say, that is a bumpy road.

E: Aha.

M: Okay.

E: Or it was a bumpy ride.

M: Or it was a bumpy ride.

E: Yeah.

M: Okay, so now let's listen to our dialogue, we're gonna be listening to these people on an airplane and the captain is gonna give some instructions.

DIALOGUE, FIRST TIME

E: Well, here we are with another dramatic dialogue, another explosion in **EnglishPod**. What's happening?

M: Um, I don't know, a lot of adventure's going on.

E: Yeah.

M: So, we will see what happens, um, but I'm sure they're alright. Don't worry everyone, I'm sure...

E: Well, I hope so. It's kind of making me nervous for my next flight.

M: Hehe. Alright, so let's take a look at some of the words that the captain used in "**language takeaway**".

Voice: Language takeaway.

E: Alright, all of these words you'll hear really really often when you're flying, um, and the first one we have for you is **fasten**.

M: Fasten.

E: Fasten.

M: Fasten you seatbelt.

E: Uhu.

M: Now, this is a great word, fasten means to...

E: **Do up**.

M: Do up or **put on** or...

E: Connect.

M: Connect, right?

E: Yeah.

M: So, usually it'll be with a seatbelt or a belt or something like that.

E: Yeah.

M: Right?

E: Yeah. Now, the pronunciation here is interesting.

M: Yes.

E: It's spelled F-A-S-T-E-N.

M: Right, so it would be FAST EN.

E: No.

M: No, right? Hehe.

E: Fasen.

M: Fasen. The T...

E: Fasen.

M: Kind of become silent.

E: Uhu.

M: So, it's fasen.

E: Yep.

M: Okay, let's look at our next word, **lavatory**.

E: Lavatory.

M: Lavatory.

E: Lavatory.

M: Okay, so what is a lavatory exactly? Cause I'm always confused what's the difference between **bathroom, restroom, washroom, WC, lavatory**.

E: I know, so many words for bathroom, um, a lavatory is a room with a toilet and sink only.

M: Only a toilet and sink.

E: Yes.

M: So no **bath-tub**.

E: No.

M: So it's...

E: No shower either.

M: No shower. So it's very very common to find a lavatory in boats...

E: Aha.

M: Airplanes.

E: Yeah.

M: Or in trains.

E: Yeah, but never in your house.

M: Never in your house, right.

E: Even if your room in your house is only a sink and a toilet it's don't let a lavatory.

M: Yeah, it's, ah, a bathroom.

E: Yeah.

M: Okay.

E: I don't know why, that's just the way it is in English.

M: And something interesting that you told me today...

E: Aha.

M: **WC.**

E: Aha.

M: Right? That's a common thing that you'll see on a bathroom.

E: Yep.

M: **What does that stand for?**

E: **Water closet.**

M: Water closet.

E: Yep.

M: Wow, I didn't know that.

E: Yeah.

M: Water closet. Okay, anyways. Let's take a look at our next word, **stow.**

E: Stow.

M: To stow.

E: Yes, stow your luggage.

M: Stow your luggage.

E: Uhu.

M: So if I stow my luggage it means...

E: You put it in a place where you can get it easily, but it is very safe.

M: Maybe it's not even visible, right?

E: Yeah, so you put it away in a safe spot.

M: Okay, so usually in airplanes they will tell you to stow your luggage under your seat...

E: Yes, or stow your luggage in the **overhead bin.**

M: Overhead bin or **overhead compartment**.

E: Yes.

M: Okay, and our last word.

E: **Refrain**.

M: Refrain.

E: Refrain.

M: Refrain from doing something.

E: Uhu, so this is a verb, um, meaning avoid doing.

M: Avoid doing.

E: Yeah.

M: Do not do.

E: Exactly.

M: Something interesting about this grammar wise is... it's usually followed by **from**.

E: Yep.

M: **Refrain from**, and the verb that follows is always **gerund**, right?

E: Yeah, so **refrain from -ing**.

M: Right, **refrain from using** the lavatory.

E: Yes, **refrain from smoking**.

M: Refrain from smoking, okay.

E: Uhu.

M: So, refrain from.

E: Yep.

M: Alright, so some really great examples in language takeaway.

E: Yep.

M: And, ah, well, now let's take a look at "**fluency builder**" and see some of these great phrases.

Voice: Fluency builder.

E: Alright, three phrases we have for you here, um, the first one, **remain seated**.

M: Remain seated.

E: Remain seated.

M: Remain seated. So, to remain seated.

E: Really simple, to stay sitting.

M: To stay on your seat, don't stand up.

E: Yes.

M: This is really important in airplanes, right?

E: Yeah, because otherwise if there's turbulence you could, you know, end up flying around the airplane.

M: Hehe. Or fall, exactly...

E: Yeah.

M: And hurt yourself.

E: Uhu.

M: Remain seated.

E: Now, one of the reasons they had to remain seated was because they were going to go through a **patch of rough air**.

M: Patch of rough air.

E: Uhu, so patch.

M: No, interesting, okay, so patch is a small area, right?

E: Yeah, yeah, so a small area of turbulence.

M: A small area of turbulence, now...

E: Yeah.

M: What would be another example of patch?

E: Um, maybe, ah, patch of strawberries.

M: So, it's like a little strawberry garden, right?

E: Yes, or a patch of grass.

M: Patch of grass.

E: Uhu.

M: Usually in front of your house you have a little patch of grass.

E: Yep.

M: Okay, so **patch of** and now our last phrase, **suspend**.

E: Suspend.

M: Suspend in flight service.

E: Yeah, so stop for a short time.

M: Stop for a short time. So you could suspend your work.

E: Yeah, and if you're going on vacation you could suspend your subscription to the newspaper.

M: Uhu. Okay, so suspend, to temporarily stop.

E: Yes.

M: Okay, so we've covered a lot of vocabulary and some great phrases.

E: Uhu.

M: So, why don't we listen to our dialogue one more time and we'll come back and talk about flying.

DIALOGUE, SECOND TIME

M: Erica, have you ever had a turbulent flight like this?

E: No... no never this bad, a little bit of turbulence, actually I kind of like turbulent flights.

M: Why?

E: It's sort of like... I don't know it's kind of fun, you get shaken around, you... like stomach moves up and down and it's like...

M: You don't get nervous?

E: No, I get... I get a little excited.

M: Well, it is true that flying is actually very very safe, right?

E: Yeah, um, I know we all hear that like more people are killed in car accidents, than, ah, flight accidents.

M: Uhu.

E: So, it's very very safe. So, yeah, I don't worry about the turbulence.

M: Yeah, yeah.

E: **Knock on wood**. [NOTE: **knock on wood** is an idiom that means to avoid something bad happening or to continue something good happening; it is usually said while actually knocking on something made of wood]

M: Hehe. Yeah, so flying is really safe and, you know, as long as you... remain seated, you fasten your seatbelt and you, you know, you follow the instructions you shouldn't have any problems, right?

E: Yeah, yeah, actually that's a really good point cause actually when I was reading about flight turbulence for this dialogue...

M: Uhu.

E: I kept reading all these stories about these people who, you know, when they got into some turbulent air were, you know, knocked over or they ended up like actually literally flying through the cabin and getting really badly hurt, so...

M: Yeah, yeah.

E: Everyone, you gotta fasten your seatbelt.

M: Yes, remain seated.

E: Yeah, flying tips here at **EnglishPod**.

M: Flying tips at **EnglishPod**, we don't want you to get hurt and we know that you travel a lot, so be safe, right?

E: Yeah, and use this language to describe your flights.

M: Okay, so come to our website englishpod.com, where you can leave questions, you can also leave your comments.

E: Yeah, Marco and I are always there and actually, in fact, we have to go check the site now, so...

M: Yeah, we're out of time, so we'll see you guys next time.

E: Thanks for listening... good bye!

M: Bye!