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Analysis: double-decker aeroplanes for those going east

By David Robertson

The signs are getting clearer for those trying to look into the future of flying. In principle, passengers flying east will probably board giant double-decker aeroplanes **1**) those who are



flying west will find themselves in smaller aeroplanes that leave London more often. The new airline pattern is a need for enormous aeroplanes that can absorb the demand from the growing economies in Asia and the Middle East. Therefore, the A380 double-decker aeroplane will dominate routes from Heathrow to Hong Kong, Shanghai, Sydney, Singapore and Dubai in a few years.

British Airways' decision to join the A380 club will mean that others, particularly Cathay Pacific, will buy the aeroplanes to stay competitive. British Airways is a benchmark for the world's aeroplane industry and **2)** eight-month selection process will be closely watched by competitors. Very few airlines do as much

research as British Airways and the airlines that simply copy it will model their own new fleet strategies on those of British Airways. The British Airways order could therefore start an avalanche of other A380 purchases — something that Airbus has already realised. As a result, people think that the manufacturer has sold the aeroplanes to British Airways at a price that is as much as 50 per cent lower than the list price. However, there will not be **3**) complaints about the discount at Airbus's home in Toulouse because the British Airways order gives the complete A380 programme a lot of encouragement after two years of production delays and lost orders.

Passengers going west to the mature North American market will also probably see changes in the aeroplanes on which they fly. Passenger growth is slower on the transatlantic routes so a large increase in capacity is not as necessary. What is more essential, particularly to businessclass travellers, is the frequency with which the aeroplanes fly. The lively 787 and its bigger brother, the 777, will probably be **4**) by British Airways as shuttles on flights to New York. British Airways offers 11 Heathrow to New York services a day at the moment and smaller, more fuel-efficient aeroplanes such as the 787 could allow British Airways to increase the number of flights every day even more. Business people who miss their flights will then only have to wait an hour for the **5**) one. Premium passengers are so profitable that if this transatlantic model works for British Airways, the other major carriers will move in the same direction.



Task A1 (10 points)

Read the article about the future of flying. Choose the best word to fill each gap – A, B or C – and write the letter in the box.

Put the letter here

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1	Α	while	В	which	С	what	
2	Α	its	В	it's	С	it	
3	Α	high	В	much	С	many	
4	Α	used	В	needed	С	consumed	
5	Α	nearest	В	next	С	newest	

Task A2 (10 points)

Read the article about the future of flying again. Answer the questions below.

1	Which two major changes will take place in air travel to the east and to the west?	To the east: To the west:
2	Which airline sets the standard?	
3	How much did BA probably pay for the A380?	
4	What is important to business-class travellers flying to the west?	
5	What will happen if BA is successful with its flights to North America?	

Task B (5 points)

Look at the list of motor vehicles below. Decide which motor vehicle (A-H) would be suitable for each person. You may not use any letter more than once.

	VEHICLES
Α	Ideal family mover – seats up to six
В	Vespa scooter: only £250
С	Sports car: red and Italian – only £35,000
D	2-door compact car: the ideal fast runabout
Е	Truck: 20-ton capacity. Ideal for town deliveries
F	20-seater minibus: only £5,000 – must go, good runner
G	Motorcycle/sidecar (ex-military): needs repairs/attention – offers?
н	Limousine: not the newest but perfect for long-distance cruising (with cocktail cabinet)

		Put the letter here
1	Katy is young, single and a computer programmer. She lives in an apartmer and needs something on four wheels to get around town quickly.	• nt
2	Dave is responsible for the village's junior soccer team and they need transmatches away from home.	port for
3	Steve is still a student and is very short of cash. However, he needs some f cheap and reliable transport to get around town.	orm of
4	Linda is a housewife, has three kids and is a part-time librarian.	
5	Alex is single and a young and successful professional footballer who enjoy He needs a speedy form of transport that will impress the girls!	's life.