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Text 2: Luxury Aircraft - Career Choices and Foreign Languages

Modern aviation offers exciting career opportunities, especially in luxury air travel. Double-decker aircraft like the Airbus A380 feature exclusive upper-level suites with spiral staircases, representing the pinnacle of passenger service. Working in this environment requires exceptional skills, particularly foreign language proficiency.

Flight attendants on luxury aircraft must master multiple languages to serve international clientele. English serves as aviation's universal language, but speaking passengers' native languages creates personal connections and demonstrates cultural respect. Successful candidates often speak three or more languages fluently, opening doors to prestigious positions with major international airlines.

Career advancement in luxury aviation depends heavily on communication skills. Senior flight attendants coordinate multicultural crews, handle VIP passengers, and manage complex service protocols. They translate between passengers, crew members, and ground staff, ensuring smooth operations across language barriers. Emergency situations particularly require clear, multilingual communication to ensure passenger safety.

Language skills also enable career mobility. Multilingual aviation professionals can work globally, transferring between airlines and countries. They often earn higher salaries and receive better assignments on premium routes. Some transition into airline management, international tourism, or diplomatic services, leveraging their language abilities and cultural knowledge.

For aspiring aviation professionals, language learning represents career investment. Beyond basic communication, cultural understanding helps navigate diverse passenger expectations and international regulations.

Technology assists with translation, but human connection through shared language remains irreplaceable in luxury service.

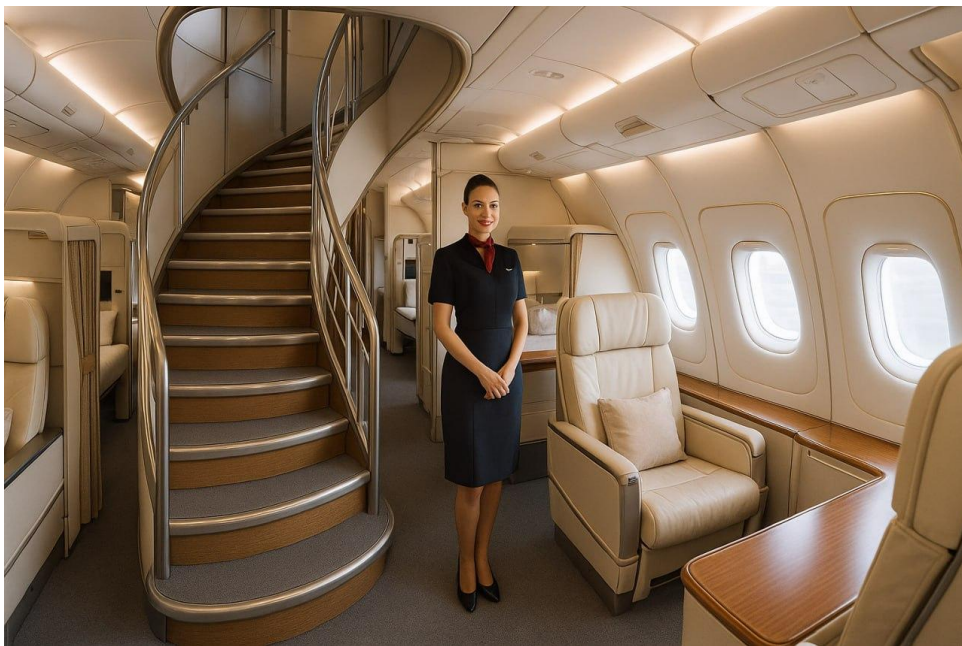
The aviation industry's growth in emerging markets increases demand for multilingual professionals. As airlines expand routes and target new demographics, language skills become increasingly valuable. Young professionals entering this field should prioritize language education alongside technical training.

Vocabulary (15 words):

1. **Pinnacle** - highest point / вершина
2. **Proficiency** - skill level / владение
3. **Clientele** - customers / клиентура
4. **Prestigious** - highly respected / престижный
5. **Protocols** - official procedures / протоколы
6. **Multilingual** - speaking several languages / многоязычный
7. **Barriers** - obstacles / барьеры
8. **Mobility** - ability to move / мобильность
9. **Leveraging** - using to advantage / использование
10. **Diplomatic** - related to international relations / дипломатический
11. **Aspiring** - hoping to achieve / стремящийся
12. **Irreplaceable** - cannot be substituted / незаменимый
13. **Emerging** - developing / развивающийся
14. **Demographics** - population groups / демографические группы
15. **Prioritize** - treat as most important / отдавать приоритет

Discussion Questions:

1. Why are foreign languages crucial for careers in international service industries?
2. How do language skills affect career advancement and salary potential?
3. What challenges do multilingual professionals face in their work?
4. How has technology changed the importance of human language skills?
5. What advice would you give someone choosing a career requiring foreign languages?



Choose one of the statements below:

1. Mastering multiple foreign languages is essential for a successful career in luxury aviation.
2. Language skills provide aviation professionals with better job opportunities and higher salaries.
3. Human communication in multiple languages cannot be fully replaced by technology in luxury service.
4. Language education is just as important as technical training for aspiring aviation professionals

Give a 1.5-minute talk on one of these statements.

You can use the following plan:

- state the problem;
- express your personal opinion and give reasons for it;
- express an opposing opinion and give reasons for it;
- say why you do not agree with the opposing opinion;
- make a conclusion restating your position.