

MY FIRST TRIP

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Our school had planned the trip for us to study English during our holiday from school. We would be gone for three weeks. This would be the longest I had ever been away from my family. I was sure that I would miss them, but I was ready to have a big adventure.

I was so excited. It was my first time to travel out of the country. I was going to see so many new and exciting things on the trip.

I packed my camera, my MP3, my clothes and everything else I thought I would need into my backpack. I knew I was going to have so much fun.

We walked through the airport looking for the gate where our flight would be leaving. One of the older kids ran ahead to find our plane. The gate was G-24. We all hurried to the gate to wait for our plane to arrive. We were all ready to get onto the airplane.

We watched the big white plane come to the terminal. The long walkway reached out to the plane like the arm of an octopus.

Soon the passengers got off the plane, and then the lady at the desk told us that our plane was ready to board. So we got into line and gave our tickets to the man at the door.

I was going to sit with my best friend Lee Pyoung Hwa and his sister Lee Se Hwa. I wanted the window seat, but Se Hwa got there first. I let Pyoung Hwa sit next to his

sister, so I was next to the aisle. I found out later this was a good seat. I could see up and down the aisle, and I did not have to crawl over anyone to go to the restroom.

The flight attendant checked to see if our seatbelts were fastened, and to make sure our seats were in the up position.

I looked at all of the books in the pocket of the seat in front of me. A paper there showed all of the parts of the airplane and explained what to do in case of an emergency.

Soon the door closed, and the plane began to move. I tried to see out of the window, but Se Hwa's head was in the way.

The plane rolled for a long time. Then we came to a stop.

All of a sudden, the plane jerked and we started to move faster and faster. Suddenly I felt my stomach go funny. We were starting to go up. My ears felt funny.

After a while, we were told we could undo our seatbelts, so I did. I looked around the plane, and I saw many of my friends watching movies or talking. Some of them were already asleep.

I turned on my MP3 player and started to listen to the songs I had downloaded for this trip. I got tired and I fell asleep.

Suddenly, the plane began to shake up and down. People were screaming and the lights were going on and off.

"What was happening?" I thought to myself. I quickly buckled my seatbelt making sure that it was tight, and then I looked over at Pyoung Hwa and his sister. They were so scared they could not move.

I asked, "Pyoung Hwa, what's happening?" but he could not answer. He was too scared.

Just then, the plane started to go down, faster and faster. Then the lights went out. I took the mask that fell down in front me and put it on my face, just the way the flight attendant had shown us before we took off.

I was so scared. What was going on?

The pilot announced over the intercom, "We're going to crash land on a small

island. Prepare yourselves for an emergency landing!”

The book in front of me had told me to put my head between my knees, so I did. We were falling from the sky, and I had no idea what was going to happen next. CRASH, BOOM, BANG, CRUNCH.....

The plane came to a sudden stop, which threw me forward. I felt the seatbelt against my stomach. It really hurt.

It was completely dark inside except for the red lights along the aisle which showed us the way to the nearest exit. I undid my seatbelt. I felt for Pyoung Hwa. He was not moving. I reached over to Se Hwa. She was crying. I helped her with her seatbelt, and then I picked her up and put her in the aisle. I told her to follow the red lights. I undid Pyoung Hwa’s seatbelt and shook him. He gasped for air, and then asked, “What happened?”

I said, “We crashed, follow me. We need to get off of the airplane, NOW!”

We followed the red lights. It was getting smoky inside so I knew that we needed to hurry. Where there is smoke there is fire. We crawled along the floor until we found the exit. It was open, but no one was there. We jumped onto the slide, and we fell to the ground, first me, and then Pyoung Hwa. We were told by someone on the ground to run as fast as we could into the woods. We did as we were told and ran as fast as we could. Just as we got to the forest there was a big explosion. KABOOM! It was so strong I ended up on the ground.

We turned around and saw a big orange ball of flames reaching to the sky. My first thought was, “What about all of my things?”

But then I remembered my friends. “Did they all get out OK?”

We sat in the sand along the edge of the forest and watched in amazement as the fire burned and burned. The whole sky was lit up with the light from the fire.

Right then Se Hwa found us. She was crying and screaming. She was so afraid. I held her in my arms to comfort her. She sobbed until she fell asleep.

We sat in silence. “What was going to happen to us? Where were we? Who was

saved and who wasn't? Were we going to be on this island for a long time?"

Just then, I heard a friendly voice. "Please fasten your seatbelts; we will be arriving at the airport shortly. Thank you for flying with us."



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VOCABULARY: (*Match the word to its definition*)

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. hurried _____ | a. get on |
| 2. terminal _____ | b. walking space between seats |
| 3. tickets _____ | c. scared sound, yell |
| 4. shake _____ | d. gates to board a plane |
| 5. flight attendant _____ | e. speaker, used for information |
| 6. scream _____ | f. airplane server, stewardess |
| 7. to board _____ | g. go quickly, rushed |
| 8. intercom _____ | h. document for travel |
| 9. exit _____ | i. vibrate, agitate |
| 10. aisle _____ | j. way out |

TRUE / FALSE:

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| 1. Pyoung Hwa has a sister. | T / F |
| 2. I like to listen to my MP4. | T / F |
| 3. The plane crashed on an island. | T / F |
| 4. I smelled smoke. | T / F |
| 5. I died in the fire. | T / F |
| 6. The airplane exploded with a red ball of fire. | T / F |
| 7. We sat on the beach. | T / F |
| 8. I was with many friends. | T / F |
| 9. We were leaving our country. | T / F |
| 10. My mother was with me. | T / F |

MULTIPLE CHOICE:

1. What did I listen to music with? _____
 - a) MP3
 - b) i-Pod
 - c) computer
 - d) radio

2. Where did everyone sit after the accident? _____
 - a) on the beach
 - b) in the forest
 - c) under the plane
 - d) at the airport

3. What color was the ball of flames? _____
 - a) black
 - b) white
 - c) orange
 - d) green

4. Where did I sit on the airplane? _____
 - a) next to the window
 - b) with the luggage
 - c) under the seat
 - d) along the aisle

COMPREHENSION: *(Write a complete sentence to answer the question.)*

1. What was the purpose for going on this trip?

2. Where did the plane crash?

3. Whom did I help to get out of the airplane?

4. What was I listening to on the airplane?

5. Where did our group meet before leaving on the trip?

6. How many bags did I have with me?

7. What helped me to find my way out of the airplane?

8. Where was I sitting after I left the airplane?

9. What hurt my stomach when the plane crashed?

10. What did the explosion look like?
