

Aviation English and Radiotelephony Communication

1. In pairs discuss the following.

1. Give some examples of standard words and phrases; aviation English words and phrases and plain language.
2. Why is it necessary to follow strictly standard phraseology?
3. When do controllers use plain language? Have you ever used plain English at work?

ICAO standard phraseology - standard words and phrases approved by ICAO for radiotelephony communications between controllers and pilots. It is a very special strict set of words and phrases. It must be used in all situations for which it has been written. The purpose of standard phraseology is to provide clear and exact language passing messages of routine nature and sometimes in emergencies. Only when standard phraseologies are not available plain language must be used.

It is impossible to use phraseologies to cover all situations. A need for plain language in radiotelephony communication may arise during emergency or non-standard situations. Plain language is required in everyday situations when pilots and controllers exchange messages. That is why controllers and pilots should learn plain language as well as phraseologies. When plain language is required, it should be clear and understandable as phraseologies.

Aviation English is a specialized subset of the English language related to aviation. It includes plain language (which pilots and controllers use for radiotelephony communications if they can't explain the situation using the standard phraseology). Aviation English is used by pilots for briefings, for communications in the cockpit and it is also used by maintenance personnel, flight attendants, managers and officials in aviation industry.

2. Answer the questions.

1. What is ICAO standard phraseology?
2. What is aviation English?
3. What is plain English?

3. Mark the points below as ICAO standard phraseology, aviation English and plain language. Discuss your ideas with the partner.

Purposes to know phraseology, aviation English and plain language

- To speak clear and exact language
- To provide safe and efficient communication
- To pass messages of routine nature
- To avoid miscommunication - избежать непонимания
- To identify and help to solve different problems in non-standard situations
- To speak on professional topics
- To communicate with the crews successfully
- To check, confirm and clarify information - проверить, подтвердить, прояснить