

The 7 Steps -
September



Qantas

1. CONTEXT

Mindmap anything you know about the topic, including vocabulary. Do some research online to help.

2. QUESTIONS

Read the listening questions to check your understanding. Look up any new vocabulary.

3. LISTEN

Listen and answer the questions using full sentences. Circle the number of times and % you understood.

Listening Questions 1

1. What milestone is Qantas celebrating in 2020?
_____.
2. When did Qantas make its first international flight and how long was the trip to Singapore?
_____.
3. What is their logo known as?
_____.
4. What is "Skippy"?
_____.
5. In what year did John Travolta become a Qantas ambassador?
_____.

Listening Questions 2

1. As of early May 2020, by how much had air travel in the US dropped compared to 2019?
_____.
2. What impact did COVID-19 have on air travel globally?
_____.
3. Name 1 thing Qantas did while their planes were grounded to keep them in good shape.
_____.
4. What did Qantas accomplish in November 2019?
_____.
5. How long was the November flight and how many hours did it take to get to Sydney?
_____.

Listening 1				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

Listening 2				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

Discussion Questions

1. What are your priorities when choosing an airline to fly with?
2. What do you think will be the future of air travel and the aviation industry post Covid-19?

4. CHECK ANSWERS

Read through the transcript and underline the answers. Check them against your own answers.

5. CHECK VOCABULARY

Read the transcript and circle any new vocabulary you find. Look them up and add them to your list.

6. READ ALOUD

Read the transcript aloud at least 5 times, focusing on intonation and pronunciation.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

7. SHADOWING

Say the transcript aloud at the same time as the audio without reading it. Circle how many times below.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

TRANSCRIPT 1

In 2020 Qantas is celebrating their 100th anniversary. The Australian airline was founded in Queensland as Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services Ltd. Queensland is one of Australia's six states and its major cities include Brisbane, Gold Coast, and Cairns.

Qantas' first international passenger flight was to Singapore in 1935, a trip that at the time took more than 3 days from Brisbane and included several overnight stops. Nine years later, Qantas' logo, known as the "flying kangaroo", made its first appearance on their aircraft.

In 2018 Qantas **debuted** their first direct flight between Australia and Europe, a journey that takes about 17 hours. If you were a passenger in 1947, the Sydney to London trip took 4 days and required multiple stops.

Qantas' fleet includes Boeing's Dreamliner and Airbuses. A few of their interesting Dreamliner names include Great Barrier Reef, Boomerang, and Skippy.

Two high-profile names **associated with** Qantas are actors Hugh Jackman and John Travolta. Travolta, star of many movies including Grease, Pulp Fiction, and Face/Off, became an ambassador in 2002.

Debut	Associate with	Countless	Plummet	Inviting
Fill-in the blanks with the appropriate word / phrase above:				
1. The company's president has been _____ many underworld figures, affecting his public image.				
2. At first the beach looked quite _____, but when I got closer I realized it was very rocky.				
3. The company's stock price _____ after they announced that they would be laying off thousands of employees.				
4. The young actor _____ on Broadway last Sunday and received great reviews from the critics.				
5. _____ homes in Japan were either damaged or destroyed in the recent typhoon.				

TRANSCRIPT 2

COVID-19 has affected **countless** businesses and industries, including of course the aviation industry. According to a CNBC report in early May 2020, air travel in the United States was down 95% compared to 2019, and flights worldwide had **plummeted** by 63%.

One challenge commercial airlines have faced is how to manage all their grounded aircraft, roughly 16,000 planes worldwide. In early April 2020, Qantas explained some of the measures they take to keep their parked planes in good shape. They include towing the plane around to rotate the tires, periodically starting up the engines, and covering up sensitive instruments on the fuselage and other places that might be **inviting** to birds or insects.

On a lighter note, in November 2019 a Qantas research flight from London to Sydney set a couple of records for a commercial flight. According to CNN, the trip was the longest in terms of both distance – just under 18,000 kilometers – and time in the air – roughly 19.5 hours. Any passengers who were awake at the time were able to enjoy two sunrises.