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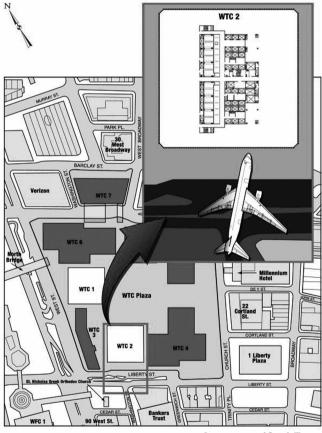
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The Hijacking of United 175

ユナイテッド175便

"Don't worry, Dad.—If it happens, it'll be very fast.—My God, my God." 「心配するなよ、オヤジ——もし衝突すれば、一瞬ですむさ——でも、どうしてこんなことが」



Impact zone of South Tower

0 Behind the Scenes

- ✓ United Airlines Flight 175 departed for Los Angeles at 8:14.
- ✓ Captain, First Officer, seven flight attendants and fifty six passengers boarded the flight.
- ✓ The hijackers attacked between 8:42 and 8:46, using knives, Mace, and the threat of a bomb.

② Vocabulary Building

▶ Match the definition or synonym to words or phrases in bold.

- 1. attacking
 - 2. all of a sudden
- 3. occupied

- 4. not moving smoothly
- 5. proceeded to
- A. The passengers were thinking about **storming** the cockpit.
- B. The plane is making **jerky** movements.
- C. At 8:58 the flight took a heading toward New York City.
- D. The call ended abruptly.
- E. I think they've taken over the cockpit.

3 Short Paragraph Reading — [TOEIC Reading Practice]

▶ Read the sentences below and answer the questions.

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Questions 1 and 2 refer to the following report on United 175.

The flight had taken off just as American 11 was being hijacked, and at 8:42 the United 175 flight crew completed their report on a "suspicious transmission" overheard from another plane (which turned out to have been Flight 11) just after takeoff. This was United 175's last communication with the ground.

- 1. When did United 175 depart the airport?
 - (A) At 8:42
 - (B) By the time the Flight eleven was taken over
 - (C) As soon as the United 175 crew finished their report
 - (D) At the takeoff of American 11
- 2. What did United 175 report?
 - (A) Something happened on their plane.
 - (B) Everything was all right.
 - (C) They listened to a radio transmission from another plane.
 - (D) Whether the suspicious transmission was true or not.

Questions 3 and 4 refer to the following report.



Also at 8:52, a male flight attendant called a United office in San Francisco, reaching Marc Policastro. The flight attendant reported that the flight had been hijacked, both pilots had been killed, a flight attendant had been stabbed, and the hijackers were probably flying the plane. The call lasted about two minutes, after which Policastro and a colleague tried unsuccessfully to contact the flight.

- 3. Who contacted with a United office?
 - (A) Marc
 - (B) A male member of the flight crew
 - (C) Mr. Policastro's assistant
 - (D) A female flight attendant
- 4. When was the report finished?
 - (A) Suddenly
 - (B) At 8:52
 - (C) Probably 120 seconds
 - (D) By 8:55

Read the Report



At 8:52, in Easton, Connecticut, a man named Lee Hanson received a phone call from his son Peter, a passenger on United 175. His son told him: "I think they've taken over the cockpit—An attendant has been stabbed—and someone else up front may have been killed. The plane is making strange moves. Call United Airlines—Tell them it's Flight 175, Boston to LA." Lee Hanson then called the Easton Police Department and relayed what he had heard.

At 8:58, the flight took a heading toward New York City.

At 8:59, Flight 175 passenger Brian David Sweeney tried to call his wife, Julie. He left a message on their home answering machine ^① that the plane had been hijacked. He then called his mother, Louise Sweeney, told her the flight had been hijacked, and added that the passengers were thinking about storming the cockpit to take control of the plane away from the hijackers.

9:00, Lee Hanson received a second call from his son Peter:

It's getting bad, Dad—A stewardess was stabbed—They seem to have knives and Mace—They said they have a bomb—It's getting very bad on the plane—Passengers 15 are throwing up ^② and getting sick—The plane is making jerky movements—I don't think the pilot is flying the plane—I think we are going down—I think they intend to go to Chicago or someplace and fly into a building—Don't worry, Dad— If it happens, it'll be very fast—My God, my God.

The call ended abruptly. Lee Hanson had heard a woman scream just before it cut 20 off. He turned on a television, and in her home so did Louise Sweeney. Both then saw the second aircraft hit the World Trade Center.

At 9:03:11, United Airlines Flight 175 struck the South Tower of the World Trade Center. All on board, along with an unknown number of people in the tower, were killed instantly.

Words & Phrases

① answering machine 「留守番電話」 ② throw up 「吐く」

6 True or False

Circle T if the sentence is true, F if it is false.

1. Lee Hanson took a call from his son who was going to board the flight.	T/F			
2. Peter Hanson asked his mother to call the police.				
3. The flight never changed its direction.				
4. Peter Hanson noticed the hijackers intended to hit a building with this flight.				
5. Brian David Sweeney called both his wife and mother to report that his flight had				
been hijacked.	T/F			

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Listen to the recor	ding and o	choose the correct answers.			
1. How did Mr. Sweeney l	eave his me	essage to his wife?			
(A) He recorded it.	(A) He recorded it. (B) His cell phone did not work.				
(C) He wrote a memo.	(D) He was delighted to call his home.				
2. Who did he talk with?					
(A) His son	(B) A flight attendant				
(C) His mother	(D) An air traffic controller				
3. What were the passeng	ers going to	o do?			
(A) Make a call to a Un	ited office	(B) Keep the hijackers away from the cockpit			
(C) Strike back at the h	ijackers	(D) Negotiate with the hijackers			
7 Discussion					
		e report again. Why did he ask his father not to			
worry? what would you do	o ii you wer	e him? Share your opinion with your classmates.			