



Audio Transcription: Photo Description Tips



Hello captain, Alex Pope here, your aviation english instructor at Vector.

Today I would like to share with you some strategies for when you are describing a picture during the last part of the ICAO test. Many people tend to talk only about the most basic things they see in this part, but this is really not the ideal thing to do. Specially if you are looking for a higher ICAO level. Although we usually call this part “picture description” the official name is “aviation topics” and as the name suggests it’s a good idea to talk more about aviation instead of colors, trees and objects you see.

I’m not saying not to mention these things just not to focus on it, use this basic description to consume a bit of time between more important things like your opinion on what happened. Usually there will be an accident or something that can be related to one, like a failure, so try to go beyond what you see and talk about: the possible causes and consequences, the correct decisions to be taken by the crew members in that situation, what could be done to avoid that from happening...

Building a short script for your studies can be a good idea, you should talk about plane configuration, operational issues, training and general description can be included as well, but mostly talk about aviation. Use technical terms and try to vary adjectives and expressions. You want emit opinion, create hypothesis. After all the picture is always about aviation, that’s not a coincidence and you should definitely talk like a pilot when it comes to aviation topics.

Once again, Alex Pope here. See you guys next time at vectorenglish.com

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