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You will hear a woman called Gina Purvis, who is a pilot for a commercial airline, talking about her job. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Sky high

Gina disliked her first job as a (9) _____

The airline that Gina works for insists on at least (10) _____ hours of flying experience from their captains.

Gina says that because her husband is a (11) _____ he is tolerant of her job.

The 'Notices to Pilots' provides information about any (12) _____ that are experiencing problems.

Gina says that if she has extra (13) _____ she will need more fuel for her flight.

Gina explains that many pilots she works with did a degree in (14) _____ at university.

Gina says that all the (15) _____ must be within reach of the two pilots in the cockpit.

The pilots look at a (16) _____ to check if anyone is standing at the cockpit entrance.

Gina gets information from a (17) _____ about any small problems on the plane.

Gina says what she really appreciates is a (18) _____ flight.

KEY:

Teacher – 3,000 – travel writer – airports – passengers – science – controls – monitor – report – night -

Now listen again and fill in the gaps

Hello everyone my name is Gina Purvis and I work **as a** pilot for a commercial airline. **I'm going to** tell you my career. When **I was about** ten, I dreamt **of being a** flight attendant. Then the dream moved **on to being a vet** and working with animals, which actually I'd have hated because I hate seeing animals **in pain**.

In fact, after school I went to train **as a teacher** and after I qualified I worked for a few years, but not with any great enthusiasm **I must say**. So how did I get started with flying?

Well, my mum bought **me some** flying lessons for a birthday present and I loved it from the start. I've been a commercial pilot for ten years now, and captain for the last five. The airline **I work for** demands that pilots have a minimum **of three hundred** flying hours experience initially, and to be eligible to become a captain, **it's three thousand hours**.

For this paragraph correct the 9 mistakes

At the moment, I'm flying people to there/their holiday destinations around the Mediterranean. Some people ask me if my work in the fear of /interfere with my private life and friends outside work can struggle to understand why I'm not available on Friday or Saturday nights. It really helps that I'm married with/to a travelling salesman/travel writer, who understand the heir/air industry. Other pilots, who/whose partners are bank managers and things like that, fined/find it hard. And we don't have any children so it whole/all works for now/somehow.

Listen and fill in the gaps

Now, **before I take off**, I have to consult the 'Notices to Pilots', as they are **called**. That gives me news **of airports** having any problems: for example, one of the **runways** at London Gatwick is having **work done** at the moment. I also have to do some calculations to work out the **weight** of the plane, plus **crates of** cargo and the number of passengers. Then I put that with the route **into a** computer plus the alternatives in case we get diverted and the computer comes **up with** how much fuel **we'll need**. But often at the last minute, we get notification of some **more passengers** so that requires a further calculation **and more fuel**.

I'm often asked if I have a degree **in maths** as I need to do so many calculations, but I haven't. Like me, most of my colleagues **have studied science** at university. You do need to have a good head for figures, though. I often think it **would have been** good to study people management, too.

The interior of the **cockpit**, where I and my co-pilot sit, is quite small and **cramped**. There's a practical reason for that – we need **to be able to** reach the controls, just in case one **of us** falls ill. But there's space to put our jackets in the **cupboard** at the back. Everything we need is more or less reachable without **having to** stand up.

I **can't** really move around during the flight. We used **to have to** get up to open the door if one of the cabin **crew** wanted to come in but now **we can do that** electronically. And we can see on a **monitor who's at** the door to the cockpit or the cabin behind.

Before I take off, I just need to check if there are any small **defects** on the plane. I receive **a report of** anything I need to be **aware of**, in which case I call for assistance. It can be just a little thing like a broken ice chiller **in the front** cabin and if there are no real problems then we're ready for the people to come **on board**.

I've visited **some** wonderful places. What I like best, though, is **flying at night**. If the skies are clear, you can have stars above you **and the lights of** cities below you. And then there's the **moonlight** on the mountains, it's magical. So if you have any questions