

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.

Now listen again and fill in the gaps

Hello everyone my name is Gina Purvis and I work _____ pilot for a commercial airline. I _____ tell you about my career. When _____ ten, I dreamt _____ flight attendant. Then the dream moved _____ and working with animals, which actually I'd have hated because I hate seeing animals _____.

In fact, after school I went to train _____ and after I qualified I worked for a few years, but not with any great enthusiasm _____. So how did I get started with flying? Well, my mum bought _____ 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 _____ demands that pilots have a minimum _____ flying hours experience initially, and to be eligible to become a captain, _____.

For this paragraph correct the 9 mistakes

At the moment, I'm flying people to there holiday destinations around the Mediterranean. Some people ask me if my work in the fear of 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 a travelling salesman, who understand the heir industry. Other pilots, who partners are bank managers and things like that, fined it hard. And we don't have any children so it whole works for now.

Continue listening and fill in the gaps

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

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

The interior of the _____, where I and my co-pilot sit, is quite small and _____. There's a practical reason for that – we need _____ reach the controls, just in case one

_____ falls ill. But there's space to put our jackets in the _____ at the back. Everything we need is more or less reachable without _____ stand up.

_____ really move around during the flight. We used _____ get up to open the door if one of the cabin _____ wanted to come in but now _____ electronically. And we can see on a _____ the door to the cockpit or the cabin behind.

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

I've visited _____ wonderful places. What I like best, though, is _____ . If the skies are clear, you can have stars above you _____ cities below you. And then there's the _____ on the mountains, it's magical. So if you have any questions