What is a NEAR MISS?

**Near miss** is a special **aviation** term, describing loss of safe longitudinal, vertical, lateral or time separation between **aircraft** during the **flight**. In worst cases **near miss** can develop into mid-air collision.

starboard = the right side of the aircraft

port = the left side of the aircraft

obscure = not clear / **indistinct**

everything **is happening** in the air (use present continuous when describing an ongoing present action)

situation may result in a mid-air collision

when you describe a picture **speculate** a lot

e.g.

it seems / looks like ...

I'm not sure but I think ...

possibly ...

I guess … etc.

1 airplane // 2 airplanes BUT

1 aircraft // 2 aircraft

heading in the same direction

veering away to the left

**at** an angle of maybe 20 degrees

to differentiate sth

markings

a long stripe down the fuselage

dense cloud

density

**TASK. Make a list of 6-8 key words which might be useful to describe the following 5 aviation-related pictures (see folder Describing Pictures). Then describe the pictures in your teams.**

**Picture 1:**

    damaged / two-engine / fuselage / apron / low-wing / pick-up / chains

**Picture 2**:

    de-icing / de-icing truck / apron / snow / winter / contaminated / access platform

**Picture 3:**

    cross-wind / go-around / landing gear/ strike / smoke / heavy landing / crabbing

**Picture 4:**

    ditch / apron / fire fighters / vehicles / strange position / turboprop / fence

**Picture 5:**

    military aircraft / faulty / airport / fire / four-engine / explosion / backfire

~~at~~ / ~~on~~ / **IN** the picture

fully damaged pick-up

dented / fractured

contaminated **WITH** snow / ice

in the background / in the foreground

preparing for take-off

to overshoot the runway

one of ~~his~~/ its engines seems to be on fire

plain English = general English (everyday spoken English used in routine situations)

listening for **GIST / detail**

to prevent sth

it led to ...

1.02 vocab

bound for = heading for

inbound / outbound traffic

to alter (change) course

directed into the path of ...

a combined mistake

disaster was **averted** = avoided

to overhear sth

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1. DF211

2. YG343

3. DF211

4. YG343

5. DF211

6. YG343 (to comply with the instruction) WILCO = will comply

7. YG343

8. YG343

squawk = transponder code