

Task 1. Work in pairs. Discuss the following questions.

1. Where was Spencer Suderman heading for when the incident happened?
2. Why was he going to his destination airport?
3. Was he doing an IFR or VFR flight?
4. What was the very first symptom of technical problems going on?
5. What problems did Spencer expect first and what did he do to deal with the situation?
6. Did Spencer know at once what the sudden loud noise was?
7. What mechanical failure did Spencer experience and how common is it?
8. What was Spencer's biggest worry right after the airborne incident happened?
9. Why didn't Spencer consider bailing out an option?
10. What was Spencer's request of ATC in terms of his emergency landing?

Task 2. Work in pairs. Discuss the meaning of the following words/phrases.

souped-up

attention-getting

to key the mic

a ting

departing propeller striking the cowling or fuselage

to fall off

put out a fire

consecutive

make a beeline for the runway

Another advantage came into play: familiarity.

bailing out

inevitable

to strive for

proceed direct to the field

to bleed off energy

propeller's whereabouts remain unknown

to size the situation up

to pass up a chance to talk to ATC

to come in handy

when things went south