

"Fly" away with me 😊

One of the most common verbs in aviation is (not surprisingly) fly. Yet it is often used incorrectly. It is also very important to know WHY a particular tense is used.

Below you can find example sentences of the verb "fly" in all tenses including active and passive forms, as well as its use with conditional and modal forms. Match them together.

Keep in mind that "fly" is an irregular verb:

Base Form *fly*
Past Simple *flew*
Past Participle *flown*
Gerund *flying*

Examples of "Fly" for All Tenses

Present Simple

_____ (This means you fly as a passenger *by* Air Asia)
_____ (This means that you work *for* Cathay Pacific as a pilot)
_____ (This is a fact on a timetable)

Present Simple Passive

_____ (This is a factual statement)

Present Continuous

_____ (This is an arranged plan in the future).

Present Continuous Passive

_____ (This means that a flight is in progress now - it started in the past and is continuing to the present).

Present Perfect

_____ (This is talking about an experience).

Present Perfect Passive

_____ (This is talking about a result).

Present Perfect Continuous

_____ (This is emphasizing an *action* which started in the past and is continuing to the present).

Past Simple

_____ (This means an action is complete in the past).

Past Simple Passive

_____ (This is an action complete in the past, but it does not focus on the agent who does the action - it focuses on the action).

Past Continuous

_____ (This is an action at a specific moment
in the past interrupted by something)

Past Continuous Passive

Past Perfect

Past Perfect Passive

Past Perfect Continuous

Future (will)

Future (will) passive

Future (going to)

Future (going to) passive

Future Continuous

Future Perfect

Future Possibility

Real Conditional

Unreal Conditional

Past Unreal Conditional

Present Modal

Past Modal _____

If she flies to Rome, she will stay at the Cosmo.

I fly at 1825.

A small airplane was being flown to the airfield when a dog ran across the runway.

An A320 has recently been flown to Shanghai.

He is going to fly to Houston next week.

I usually fly by Air Asia.

They had just flown to London when they decided to return home immediately.

This time next week we will be flying to Mexico.

Boeing 777 is flown by thousands of pilots.

They had been flying for four hours when they landed.

We are flying to Beijing next week.

A Cessna 172 was flown during his first solo.

She has flown many times in her life.

She might fly to Rome.

Mark should fly to the meeting.

A 777 is going to be flown to Chicago.

Brendan flew to Heathrow last week.

I now fly for Cathay Pacific.

A 737 is being flown to Manila.

The new jet had been flown many times by the test pilot before it was approved.

He must have flown to the meeting.

They will have flown to Toronto by the end of the day.

He was flying to Chicago when he encountered turbulence.

If she flew to Rome, she would stay at the Cosmo.

Jack will fly to the meeting.

We have been flying for more than eight hours now.

If she had flown to Rome, she would have stayed at the Cosmo.

A small jet will be flown to the meeting.

Task 1. Conjugate with Fly. Use the verb "to fly" to conjugate the following sentences. In some cases, more than one answer may be correct. (10pts)

1. A small airplane _____ to the village last week.
2. We _____ to San Diego next week.
3. We _____ for more than five hours.
4. The new jet _____ many times by the test pilot before it is finally approved.
5. We _____ to the meeting in a small jet. We don't know yet.
6. They _____ to Toronto by the end of the day.
7. If she _____ to Rome, she will stay at the Cosmo.
8. Jack _____ his first solo flight tomorrow if the weather is fine.
9. He _____ to Chicago when he telephoned his boss.
10. George _____ to Miami last week.

Task 2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (15pts)

1. The cabin crew _____ (**just/report**) that there _____ (**be**) an intoxicated PAX in the center cabin.
2. One of the baggage containers _____ (**not/load**) yet so we _____ (**wait**) for an update .
3. Pilots should _____ (**use**) all their senses _____ (**create**) situational awareness.
4. _____ (**you/hear**) anything unusual in the last transmission?
5. _____ the fuel still _____ (**leak**) from the fuel manifold?
6. The windshield _____ (**crack**) a few moments ago.
7. We _____ (**try**) to make a low pass in about 8 minutes.
8. I'm afraid we _____ (**fly**) against a strong headwind on the way back.
9. (Pilot) "We _____ (**have**) an engine flame-out and _____ (**be**) in single-engine operation. Our airspeed _____ (**reduce**) by 30 knots now.
10. Traffic _____ (**not/allow**) during quiet hours at this airport.

Task 3. Look at the following radio transmission. Fill the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (15pts)

Buck 36: We _____ (**turn back**) to Lohoa. I think it was the engine ... the engine _____ (**fall off**).

Departure: Buck 36, _____ (**say**) your intentions.

Buck 36: We _____ (**maintain**) this heading. We _____ (**have**) problems with speed and with flight controls, Buck 36.

Departure: Buck 36, roger. _____ (**choose**) your runway. We _____ (**clear**) everything for you. _____ (**be able to**) maintain terrain clearance?

Buck 36: Affirmative. We _____ (**maintain**) 1500 feet. We _____ (**need/get rid of**) fuel. Buck 36.

Departure: Buck 36, roger.

Buck 36: All right. I _____ (**want**) runway 6 left.

Departure: Buck 36, RWY 6 left, _____ (**clear**) to land.

Buck 36: All right. We _____ (**land**) 6 left, Buck 36.

Departure: Buck 36, all the gear _____ (**appear**) good.

Buck 36: Thank you! We did it. Buck 36.

Departure: Affirm 36. You _____ (**do**) a really good job!