

Gotowa lekcja

Emergency landing on the Hudson River



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Activity 1: Which of the following situations is the most stressful and which one is the least stressful?

job loss

giving first-aid

divorce

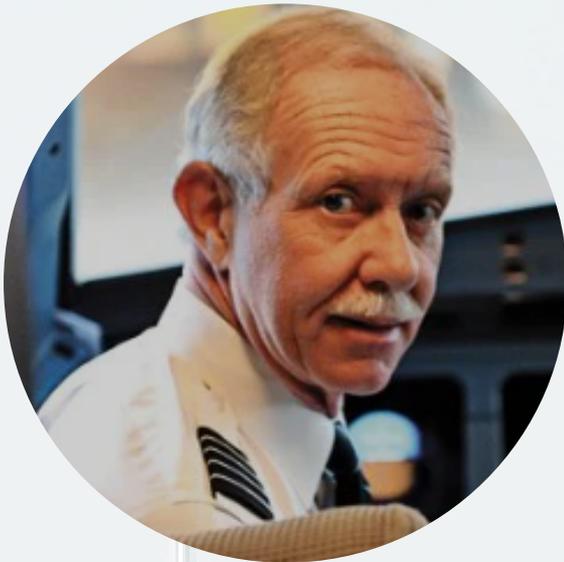
financial problems

emergency landing

moving house

Activity 2:

Read information about the man in the picture and a film. Then cover the information and answer the questions below:



Chesley Burnett "Sully" Sullenberger III (born January 23, 1951) is a retired American fighter pilot, diplomat, and airline pilot **best known for** his heroism as captain of US Airways Flight 1549 that he **ditched in the Hudson River** in 2009 after both engines were disabled by a **bird strike**. All 155 people aboard survived. Sullenberger became an **outspoken advocate for** aviation safety and has helped **develop new protocols** for airline safety.

Sully (also known as Sully: Miracle on the Hudson) is a 2016 American biographical drama film directed by Clint Eastwood. It is based on the 2009 autobiography Highest Duty by Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and Jeffrey Skiles. Tom Hanks **stars as** Sullenberger. The film follows Sullenberger's January 2009 emergency landing of US Airways Flight 1549 on the Hudson River, in which all 155 passengers and crew survived - most **suffering only minor injuries** - and the subsequent publicity and **investigation**.

1. Who is Chesley Burnett "Sully" Sullenberger?
2. Where did he land?
3. How many passengers were on board?
4. What injuries did they suffer?
5. What happened after his emergency landing?

Activity 3:

Watch the following scenes and answer the questions:



FILM 1



FILM 2

1. How did the passengers react when a bird strike happened and how did they feel just before emergency landing?
2. Why did "Sully" decide to choose the Hudson River?
3. How did the pilots act in this situation?

Activity 4:

Watch the following TED Talk and answer the questions:

TED FILM 3

Ric Elias had a **front-row seat** on Flight 1549, the plane that crash-landed in the Hudson River in New York in January 2009. What **went through his mind** as the **doomed plane** went down? At TED, he tells his story publicly for the first time. Watch

1. What three things did he learn that day?
2. What gifts was he given?

Activity 5:

Go to the next page, listen to TED Talk and fill in the gaps.

Activity 6:

Discuss the following questions:

1. What is on your bucket list?
2. Do you enjoy flying a plane?
3. When was the last time you experienced a stressful situation in your life?
4. Would you like to be a pilot or a flight attendant? What are the good and bad sides of these professions?
5. What do you regret doing in your life before?

Imagine a big explosion as you climb through 3,000 ft. Imagine a plane full of smoke. Imagine an engine going clack, clack, clack. It sounds scary.

Well, I had a (1) _____ that day. I was sitting in 1D. I was the only one who could talk to the flight attendants. So I looked at them right away, and they said, "No problem. We probably hit some birds." The pilot had already turned the plane around, and we weren't that far. You could see Manhattan. Two minutes later, three things happened at the same time.

The pilot lines up the plane with the Hudson River. That's usually not the (2) _____. He turns off the engines. Now, imagine being in a plane with no sound. And then he says three words. The most unemotional three words I've ever heard. He says, "Brace for (3) _____." I didn't have to talk to the flight attendant anymore. I could see in her eyes, it was (4) _____. Life was over.

Now I want to share with you three things I learned about myself that day. I learned that it all changes (5) _____. We have this bucket list, we have these things we want to do in life, and I thought about all the people I wanted to reach out to that I didn't, all the fences I wanted to (6) _____, all the experiences I wanted to have and I never did. As I thought about that later on, I came up with a saying, which is, "I collect bad wines." Because if the wine is ready and the person is there, I'm opening it. I no longer want to (7) _____ anything in life. And that urgency, that purpose, has really changed my life.

The second thing I learned that day -- and this is as we clear the George Washington Bridge, which was by not a lot I thought about, wow, I really feel one real regret. I've lived a good life. In my own humanity and mistakes, I've tried to get better at everything I tried. But in my humanity, I also allow my ego to get in. And I regretted the time I wasted on things that did not matter with people that matter. And I thought about my relationship with my wife, with my friends, with people. And after, as I (8) _____ that, I decided to eliminate negative energy from my life. It's not perfect, but it's a lot better. I've not had a fight with my wife in two years. It feels great. I no longer try to be right; I choose to be happy.

The third thing I learned -- and this is as your mental clock starts going, "15, 14, 13." You can see the water coming. I'm saying, "Please (9) _____." I don't want this thing to break in 20 pieces like you've seen in those documentaries. And as we're coming down, I had a sense of, wow, dying is not scary. It's almost like we've been preparing for it our whole lives. But it was very sad. I didn't want to go; I love my life. And that sadness really framed in one thought, which is, I only wish for one thing. I only wish I could see my kids grow up. About a month later, I was at a performance by my daughter -- first-grader, not much artistic talent. Yet! And I'm bawling, I'm crying, like a little kid. And it made all the sense in the world to me. I realized at that point, by connecting those (10) _____, that the only thing that matters in my life is being a great dad. Above all, above all, the only goal I have in life is to be a good dad. I was given the gift of a miracle, of not dying that day. I was given another gift, which was to be able to see into the future and come back and live differently.

I challenge you guys that are flying today, imagine the same thing happens on your plane -- and please don't -- but imagine, and how would you change? What would you (11) _____ that you're waiting to get done because you think you'll be here forever? How would you change your relationships and the negative energy in them? And more than anything, are you being the best parent you can?