

Day 1

On November 24, 1971, the day before Thanksgiving, a man bought a ticket using the name Dan Cooper. The man boarded a plane in Portland that was headed to Seattle. He was professionally dressed in a suit and carried a briefcase. Once the plane took off, he handed a note to a flight attendant that said he was carrying a bomb. He let the flight attendant know that he wanted \$200,000, four parachutes and a way to refuel the plane. The flight attendant asked to see the bomb and he opened his briefcase to show her a device that appeared to be an explosive. Despite his seemingly nefarious intentions, he was very friendly to the flight attendant and attempted to tip her and offered to buy food for her and the rest of the crew.

1. What does nefarious mean?
 - a. positive
 - b. average
 - c. evil
2. What does intentions mean?
 - a. plans
 - b. memories
 - c. attitude
3. Underline the clues that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.
4. What inference can be made about the hijacker's decision to wear a suit?
 - a. He wanted to avoid suspicion.
 - b. He had a job interview.
 - c. That was the standard dress for flying in 1971.

Day 2

The plane landed at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. Once the hijacker was able to confirm that his demands for \$200,000 and four parachutes had been met, he allowed the 36 passengers to exit the plane. He discussed his stipulations with the pilots and they decided they would fly towards Mexico. He demanded that the plane fly very slowly and low to the ground. He also requested that the staircase stay down, but when the pilot protested citing safety concerns, the hijacker said that he would just lower the staircase once in flight. A few hours later, the plane took off with the hijacker and a few crew members on board.

1. What does stipulations mean?
 - a. demands
 - b. plans
 - c. fears
2. What does citing mean?
 - a. promising
 - b. referencing
 - c. refusing
3. Underline the clues that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.
4. It can be inferred that the hijacker didn't really want to hurt anyone. What supports that inference?
 - a. He wanted the plane flown slowly.
 - b. He let the passengers off the plane.
 - c. He asked for four parachutes.

Day 3

As soon as the plane took off, authorities expediently worked to make sure that other planes were following from a safe distance. On the plane, Cooper told the flight attendant to go the cabin with the rest of the crew and to shut the door. As she was leaving, she saw him tie something around his waist. After they had been flying for a bit, a warning sounded that indicated that the staircase had been lowered and shortly after there was evidence that the plane's door had been opened. When the plane landed, authorities quickly surrounded and swarmed the plane. Their search of the plane for the hijacker turned up empty.

1. What does expediently mean?
 - a. patiently
 - b. importantly
 - c. quickly
2. What does indicated mean?
 - a. showed
 - b. hinted
 - c. hid
3. Underline the clues that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.
4. What inference can be drawn from today's passage?
 - a. The hijacker hid on the plane.
 - b. The hijacker did not have a plan.
 - c. The hijacker jumped out of the plane.

Day 4

Authorities immediately began gathering clues to try to track down the escaped hijacker. Aboard the plane, authorities found fingerprints and a couple of personal items. Interviews were conducted with anyone that interacted with him and a police sketch artist was able to create a facial composite of the man. While the police did interview some people, they were unable to find any conclusive answers. Searching the areas where the man may have jumped was very difficult because no one knew exactly where and when he was able to jump and if he even survived.

1. What is a facial composite?
 - a. video footage
 - b. photograph
 - c. drawing
2. What does conclusive mean?
 - a. certain
 - b. adequate
 - c. false
3. Underline the clues that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.
4. What is a central idea of today's passage?
 - a. Police knew who the hijacker was, but couldn't find him.
 - b. No one could describe the hijacker.
 - c. Despite their efforts, authorities didn't know who the hijacker was.

Day 5

The FBI searched extensively to try to find the hijacker or at least the money he received. Based on information from the pilot, they tried to determine the area where he most likely would have jumped and put a lot of resources into the search there. Regular citizens even participated in the search for the hijacker and the money he had with him. Later, the FBI published the serial numbers for the ransom money and offered a financial incentive for turning the money in. None was ever turned in. Nearly a decade afterwards, a young boy found three bundles of money while out camping. The FBI confirmed the money matched the serial numbers of the ransom money. It was assumed that the money had floated down the river, but one of the bundles was missing 10 bills. The FBI never believed that the hijacker survived the jump, but there has never been any evidence to prove that.

1. What does extensively mean?

- a. thoroughly
- b. partially
- c. quickly

2. What does incentive mean?

- a. requirement
- b. reward
- c. ransom

3. Underline the word or words that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.

4. Write an objective summary of today's passage.

5. What do you believe happened to the hijacker? Support your answer with evidence from any passage.
