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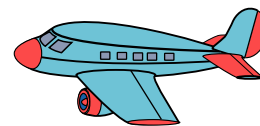
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10. The pilot of the _____ talked to the passengers.

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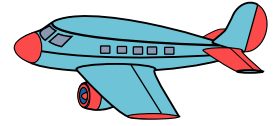
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