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## COMPRESIÓ DE TEXTOS ESCRITS – (MULTIPLE CHOICE)

Read the text and for questions 1-10, choose the best option A, B or C. The activity starts with an example (0).

### The transatlantic question

Charles Lindbergh's 33-hour flight from New York to Paris in 1927 made aviation history. Less known is the return flight to New York by two Frenchmen three years later. Taking just over three hours longer, Costes and Bellonte made an equally exciting journey from Paris to New York in their plane, the Question Mark. The first question they faced, Captain Costes remembered in an article at the time, was "Would the plane lift off the ground?" 'That was our greatest concern. We had 5,200 litres of gasoline on board.'

This fear passed quickly but was followed by other hazards. They ran into three storms. The third, and worst of all, was over Nova Scotia, in Canada. 'In order to avoid it we had to fly 100 miles out of our way. Time was passing and every minute meant the loss of more of our precious fuel.'

They had another problem: 'The sky was overcast, it was raining and we had to fly below those rain clouds. Sometimes they were extremely low which meant they had to fly as close to the water as ten metres.'

'There were many exciting moments during our trip, but I think the greatest thrill came when we first saw the coast of North America,' said Costes. He decided that three was their lucky number. They had survived three storms – and at 3 a.m. French time, they saw land. But their adventures weren't over.

Suddenly, a mountain appeared out of the mist. 'We were between the steep banks of a river. It was a tight place. Bellonte was at the controls at that time and he had to think fast. Fortunately, having flown thousands of miles, the plane was light.' Bellonte managed to turn the plane just in time. But Costes said, 'It is not pleasant to think how close we came to those cruel, jagged rocks.'

Fortunately, they succeeded where many others before them had failed, and the graceful landing at the airport in New York was greeted by 10,000 cheering people. Among them was Colonel Charles Lindbergh who said 'I congratulate you!' as he shook the hands of the two heroes.

Example: O. Lindbergh travelled from New York to Paris in \_\_\_\_\_.

A a boat                      ***B a plane***                      C a ship

1. Costes and Bellonte flew from Paris to New York in \_\_\_\_\_.

A 1927              B 1930                      C 1933

2. They were most worried that the plane was \_\_\_\_\_ to fly.

A too light              B too small                      C too heavy

3. The storm in Canada was \_\_\_\_\_.

A quite small              B very serious                      C not worrying

4. They were worried that the plane \_\_\_\_\_.

A was losing fuel                      B was flying too high                      C was getting wet

5. When it rained, they sometimes had to fly \_\_\_\_\_.

A above the clouds                      B close to the sea                      C around the clouds

6. The most exciting part of the journey was when \_\_\_\_\_.

A they flew close to the sea              B they saw the American coast                      C they saw the third storm

7. They saw the American coast when it was \_\_\_\_\_ in France.

A early morning                      B mid-afternoon                      C midnight

8. Costes thought they were going to \_\_\_\_\_.

A fly into the river                      B fly into a storm                      C crash into a mountain

9. They \_\_\_\_\_ the airport in New York.

A landed at                      B passed over                      C missed

10. Colonel Lindbergh congratulated them \_\_\_\_\_.

A on the phone                      B in a letter                      C at the airport

**KEY**

1 B

2 C

3 B

4 A

5 B

6 B

7 A

8 C

9 A

10 C