



Read the list aloud. Make sure you understand what the phrases mean. Now listen to the recording about the airport twice and try to note down the relevant number and unit of measurement.

Listen again and check your answers with the text below.

- When the airport opened .....
- How many passengers visited this airport in 2015 .....
- The length of the runways .....
- How many airlines use the airport .....
- How many aeroplanes are landing and taking off .....
- How many shops there are .....
- How many people work at the airport .....
- The weight of a Boeing 747 aeroplane .....
- How high this planes flies .....
- The speed of this aircraft .....
- How loud the aeroplane engines are .....
- The price of a flight to New York today .....

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Welcome to Hong Kong airport! Hong Kong International airport first opened to passengers July 1998. We are among the world's busiest passenger airports and, in 2015, over 68 million passengers came through our doors.

Now we have two runways which are each 3,800 metres long. Over 100 airlines use our airport, and at our busiest times around 68 aeroplanes are landing and taking off every hour. This airport also has 256 shops in the terminal buildings, and approximately 73,000 staff work here in total.

This aeroplane has just landed; it's a Boeing 747 and it's massive - it weighs nearly 970,000 pounds. The plane usually flies at an altitude of 11,000 meters and at a speed of 893km/hr. The engineers working on the ground are wearing ear protectors because the jet engines are very loud: during take off the sound can measure up to 150 decibels.

In a few hours this plane will fly to New York but if you want to buy a seat now, it will cost you over 9 thousand dollars, so I'd recommend you book well in advance if you want to take a long haul flight from this airport!