Olá bem vindo à bordo, aqui é cmte Pope, hoje após essa breve introdução teremos uma pequena aula totalmente em inglês sobre o quesito interação na prova ICAO, caso goste desse podcast e queira receber mais material semelhante quinzenalmente basta se inscrever em nossa lista de emails pelo nosso site “vectoringlesicao.com”

So, let us begin.

Today we’re going to talk about interaction which is one of the skills evaluated by ANAC during the ICAO test. A total of 6 english skills are evaluated in the pilot’s English, interaction is specifically related to the pilot’s ability to communicate well when talking about familiar and unfamiliar topics. The captain’s capacity to avoid misunderstandings showing confidence to correct and clarify ATC messages and instructions whenever necessary. Therefore adequate interaction means that the pilot should be able to ensure two way communication is always effective.

During the whole test interaction will be evaluated but at the second part it becomes imperative, and I say that because in this part the pilot must exchange simulated messages with an ATC based on recordings played by the examiner, and many of these recordings will have to be corrected and clarified by the pilot, very often there are huge mistakes in them and not correcting is critical.

I’ve been teaching English to my fellow pilots for a while now and throughout time I’ve developed many strategies and some smart moves to help in different ways, I’m more than happy to share some of this strategies with you in this podcast because I believe my best advertisement as an instructor is quality teaching.

So the first thing I want you to realize in today’s class is that interaction is related to all the other aspects of your english. Because interacting is how you’ll deliver everything to your examiner. So how promptly can you answer a question? Can you make corrections to yourself, to the examiner and the ATC? Can you do it effortlessly or is it something difficult? Since the brazilian ICAO test is 100% oral, think about interaction as the bridge connecting every single English skill you have therefore you should pave it very well so all your knowledge and capacity can flourish instead of crumble.

That being said, one great thing you can do to improve interaction, apart from just speaking in english with someone, is to speak a little bit to yourself, especially after reading or listening to something in English, like an aviation article or even this podcast for instance… improvise speeches based on what you’ve just read or heard, emitting opinions about it and answering hypothetical questions… it can also be done mentally, you don’t have to do it out loud unless you want to practice pronunciation or scare your relatives in the next room.
As a first step I suggest you give it a try right after you finish listening to this short podcast, just think about the things we are discussing here, the ICAO test; the evaluation of interaction; how can it be improved; How do you plan to prepare yourself etc.

Later you can also try to elaborate good answers for basic questions about your life as a pilot. It is very likely that in the first part of the test you will have to talk about your routine as a pilot, your expectations about aviation the places you flew and your professional background.

If you do choose to practice out loud record it and try to improve at another time. If you get stuck from time to time, pause, take notes about it, and then find better ways to say things the next time and try to find and use new expressions.

Increasing your interaction capabilities is a matter of practice and just like when we are flying enriching the mixture can improve performance but it must be done step by step.

Another good thing to do is to practice some useful expressions and sentences to interact well with the examiner in predictable situations during the test, for example: How would you ask the examiner to raise the volume of the audio? How would ask a question to be asked again or to be put in other words? You can listen twice to the recordings but they are not played twice automatically in the second part so how would you ask for a second chance?

All these possibilities can be trained in advance, remember, miscommunication also happens between native speakers so don’t be shy to ensure good interaction and make sure you prepare yourself for these kinds of interventions.

That’s what we have for today captain, I hope you enjoyed and stay tuned for the next “Vector Podcast” signing up to our newsletter email list at our website.

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this was captain Alex Pope, study hard fly safe!