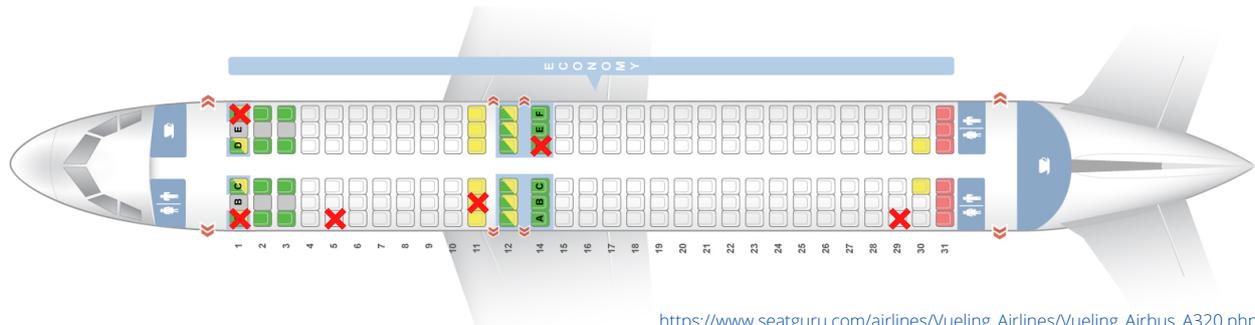


Exercise 1. Look at the seat map below. What is your favourite airline seat? Why?

Exercise 2. Read the first paragraph and look at the marked seats below. Choose the best seat for the following travellers.

Explain your choices.

- a) Best seat for families
- b) Best seat for more legroom
- c) Best seat for sleeping
- d) Best seat for low turbulence
- e) Best seat for quick connection
- f) Best seat for scared flyers



https://www.seatguru.com/airlines/Vueling_Airlines/Vueling_Airbus_A320.php

Exercise 3. Read the article, write the missing headlines and check your answers.

WHAT'S THE BEST SEAT ON A PLANE?

By Anthony Cherkas

Whether you prefer to sleep your way throughout a long-haul flight or stay alert and get up for regular stretches, scoring the best seat on a plane is a unique issue that depends entirely on your personal preferences. Let's take a look at some of the aspects frequent fliers tell us are important when they're making their seat selection.

Much like the best seats for travel sickness are the seats above the coach wheels, the best seats to help lessen the effects of air turbulence is over the aircraft wings. The wings are the point of lift vs gravity so sitting above them ensures a smoother lift off, flight, and landing.

Avoid the rear of the plane. Turbulence is much more pronounced at the back of the plane – the further back the worse it can be.

Tall people can seriously struggle with legroom restrictions during flights. Reserving a seat in the exit row is a good strategy for long-limbed folk. Aisle seats in these rows are especially sought after for stretching those long legs out. These seats aren't suitable for children though, so if you're traveling with a companion under the age of 12 (or 15, depending on the airline) exit row seats won't be an option.

Sitting near the bulkhead row in the front generally means your exit at the end of the flight is faster. To further speed your exit, opt for the left side where the door is located on planes with two aisles. The left side generally deplanes a lot faster than the right side of the plane. And anyone who has ever taken a connecting flight knows that any reduction in time can be the difference in making that connecting flight – or not.

The bulkhead rows are often reserved for families travelling with infants or young children requiring bassinets and a little extra legroom for restless tots. Having no seats in front guarantees no one will recline into your personal space and just gives a little extra comfort. Sitting near the front of the plane can also ease the burden of carrying on-board luggage for the whole family.

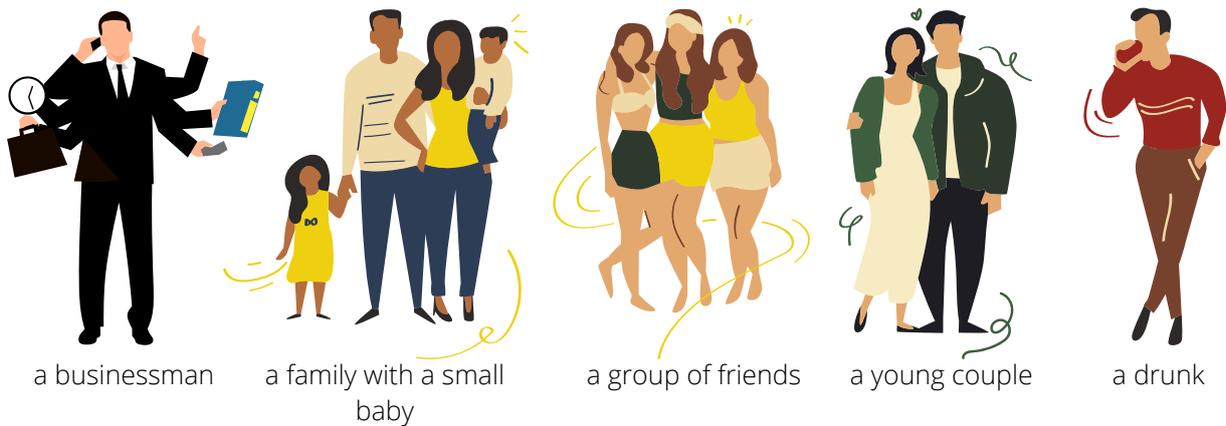
In general, seats near the front of the aircraft are quieter. There's less noise carried forward from other passengers. If you tend to lean when sleeping, a window seat is ideal and also means fellow passengers won't need to disturb you when they need to get up. Choosing the left side of the plane can also be beneficial. Having the door positioned on the left of the airplane means the windows are often off-center to the seats, which in turn means you can lean on the column of wall between the windows, rather than the window itself.

Despite the increased turbulence felt in the rear of the plane, the seats near the back are actually the safest. According to the study by Popular Mechanics, "Passengers near the tail of a plane are about 40 percent more likely to survive a crash than those in the first few rows up front." So even though flying is still statistically the safest mode of transport, sitting in the rear of the plane increases the chance of survival in the unlikely event that the worst should happen.

Exercise 4. Do you agree with the article? Why (not)?

Exercise 5. Read the task below and discuss your answers in pairs.

I'd like you to imagine that you are on a long-haul flight. Here are some people that could sit next to you on the plane. Talk to each other about the **characteristics of each traveller and how they may behave on a plane.**



Now you have a minute to decide **which traveller or group of travellers would be the best to sit next to on a long-haul flight.**

Exercise 6. Discuss the questions below.

Is it better to fly alone or with family/friends? Why?

Travelling by air is claimed to be the safest way to travel. Do you agree?

Some people believe that flying is the quickest way of travelling. What do you think?

Many people are afraid of flying and handle their stress with alcohol and medicine. Do you think it is a good idea?

Is it beneficial for airline companies to operate near-empty planes?