

Personal Response to the Text

Your Task

Imagine you are sitting by the window on an airplane, flying high above the Atlantic Ocean. The pilot's voice comes over the intercom:

"If you look out your window, we are currently flying directly over the famous Bermuda Triangle."

You look down at the deep blue water and recall all the myths you've heard about planes vanishing, instruments spinning out of control, and mysterious disappearances.

Write a response (120–150 words, 1 paragraph) describing:

1. Your thoughts as you look out the window.
2. What makes this area feel so mysterious.
3. How scientific facts can reassure a nervous passenger that flying over the Bermuda Triangle is safe.

Vocabulary Words to Help You

Use these words in your response. They will make your writing more mature and precise.

Word Meaning

Word	Meaning
sombre	gloomy, serious, dark
effusive	expressing feelings in an enthusiastic, gushing way
esteemed	respected, admired, honoured
dignified	noble, stately, calm and serious
engraved	carved or inscribed (e.g., on a surface)
bulbous	swollen, round, bulging

Bonus words you may also use:

- mysterious,
- scientific,
- nervous,
- vanish,
- legend,
- calm
- instruments,
- myth,
- reassure
- atmosphere

Structure of Your Response

Follow this paragraph plan. Write one paragraph of 120–150 words.

Part	What to Write	Example Starter
1. Setting the scene	Describe where you are and what you see out the window. Explain what makes the Bermuda Triangle feel	As I gaze out at the deep blue water below, a sombre feeling washes over me...
2. The mystery	mysterious. Mention myths, legends, or stories.	The bleak ocean stretches endlessly, and I recall the effusive tales of planes vanishing...
3. Scientific reassurance	Explain facts that make flying there safe. End with how you feel now	However, esteemed scientists have explained that... With these facts in mind, I feel dignified
4. Conclusion	“calm, reassured, dignified.	and calm...

Sentence Starters (Use These If You Get Stuck)

- As I look down at the sombre, bleak water, I think about...
- The effusive stories I've heard about the Bermuda Triangle make it feel...
- Esteemed researchers and scientists have explained that...
- The pilot's dignified voice over the intercom reassures me because...
- Although the legends are engraved in our imagination, the scientific facts are...
- With this knowledge, my nervousness fades and I feel...

Check Your Work (Important)

Before submitting, tick each box:

- ☐ I wrote 120–150 words.
- ☐ I described my thoughts looking out the window.
- ☐ I explained what makes the area mysterious.
- ☐ I included scientific facts that reassure the passenger.
- ☐ I used at least 4 vocabulary words from the list.
- ☐ I used capital letters and full stops correctly.
- ☐ I checked my spelling.
- ☐ I read my response aloud to hear if it sounds right.