

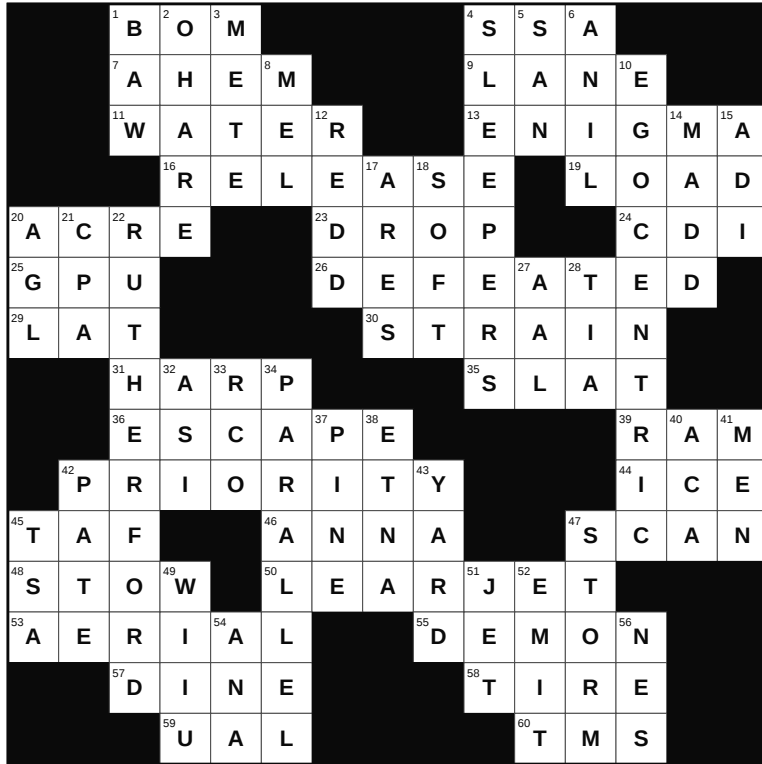


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CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Three-letter code for Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
- independent government agency responsible for the Social Security system
- utterance of a sound similar to clearing the throat
- Narrow route through controlled airspace
- Surface used by a seaplane
- something that baffles understanding and cannot be explained
- Dispatch authorization for a flight
- Place passengers or cargo aboard
- unit of area used in English-speaking countries
- A sudden descent
- Course deviation indicator, briefly
- Ground Power Unit
- Win a victory over
- Latitude, briefly, on a navigation display
- Structural deformation under aircraft load
- Instrument with a triangular frame
- Leading-edge lift device
- Route shown on a passenger safety card
- Word before air, for pressure created by forward motion
- Handling given to an aircraft in distress
- ICAO designator for Icelandair
- Terminal Aerodrome Forecast
- former copper coin of Pakistan and India
- Instrument pilot's continuous cross-check of flight indications
- Secure baggage for flight
- Luxury business jet maker, whose name sounds like a Lear's jet
- Taking place in the air
- de Havilland biplane fighter of the 1930s
- Eat during a lounge visit or flight
- Part of a wheel that grips the runway
- ICAO designator for United Airlines
- Traffic management system, briefly

DOWN

- ICAO designator for British Airways
- Chicago airport named for a Second World War flying ace
- Move through the atmosphere, in the root of meteorology
- passenger car that has berths for sleeping
- Southern California's Lindbergh Field, on a bag tag
- Blue dye obtained from plants or made synthetically
- Departure-board code for Melbourne Airport
- self-centered person with little regard for others
- Comedian Foxx
- Anti-drunk-driving organization, briefly
- Attitude director indicator, briefly
- Cancelled NASA rocket family named for the Greek god of war
- yielding readily to pressure or weight
- Above ground level, briefly
- ICAO designator for Cathay Pacific
- Physicist Ernest who pioneered nuclear theory
- American Airlines' three-letter ICAO code
- Brief episode in which the brain gets insufficient blood supply
- Cockpit instrument showing speed through the air, briefly
- Remote communications outlet, briefly
- Like runways aligned side by side
- Have a desire for something or someone who is not present
- Volcano near Catania that can disrupt flights
- Air Canada's three-letter ICAO code
- Adult person who is male (as opposed to a woman)
- Liver or meat or fowl finely minced or ground and variously seasoned
- The enclosed land around a house or other building
- U.S. airport screening agency, briefly
- Tempest
- Nintendo console succeeded by the Switch
- Aircraft powered by gas-turbine engines
- Send out, as a locator beacon does
- ICAO designator for All Nippon Airways
- A midwestern state on the Great Plains

SUDOKU

5	4	3	1	8	7	2	6	9
7	8	1	9	2	6	4	5	3
6	2	9	3	4	5	8	7	1
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THIS DAY IN AVIATION

1954

23 August 1954

On 23 August 1954, the first Lockheed YC-130 Hercules prototype, serial 53-3397, took to the skies for its maiden flight. Departing from the Lockheed Air Terminal in Burbank, California, the four-engine transport touched down at Edwards Air Force Base after a 1-hour, 1-minute journey. Test pilots Stanley Beltz and Roy Wimmer commanded the aircraft, assisted by flight engineers Jack G. Real and Dick Stanton. Remarkably, the YC-130 achieved liftoff from a standing start in just 855 feet, showcasing its exceptional short-field performance capabilities right from the beginning.

Designed as a basic tactical transport, the C-130 Hercules was built to carry 72 soldiers or 64 paratroopers. All production models were manufactured at Lockheed Martin's Marietta, Georgia, plant. The aircraft featured a rear loading ramp for vehicles and a large cargo door on the left fuselage, providing a cargo volume of 3,708 cubic feet. Over 40 variants have been produced, serving in roles ranging from aerial tanker to tactical gunship. After 71 years, the C-130 remains in production, outlasting any other aircraft type.

TRIVIA

1. Which Lockheed YC-130 Hercules prototype made its first flight on 23 August 1954?

- A. 53-3397
- B. 54-3398
- C. 55-3399
- D. 56-3400

2. Which crossword answer matches this clue: Word before air, for pressure created by forward motion?

- A. RAM
- B. LOAD
- C. CDI
- D. UAL

3. Which crossword answer matches this clue: Latitude, briefly, on a navigation display?

- A. RELEASE
- B. CDI
- C. LAT
- D. GPU