

Linguistics and Flight Safety:

Aspects of Oral English Communication in Aviation

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This small book is very interesting as it explains why verbal communications are so vital in our profession and reinforces the need to use standard phraseology in today's aviation circles. The author is an IFR pilot with university degrees in various subjects, currently working for the German CAA.

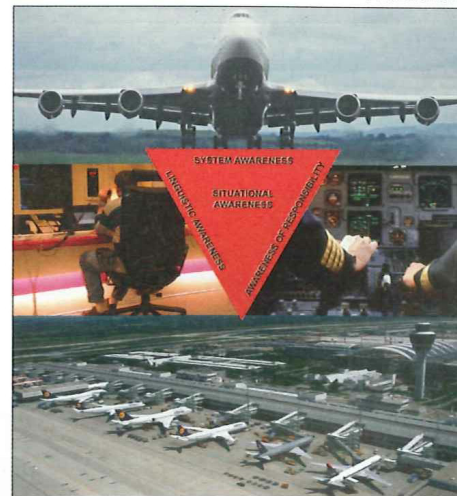
We all know how successful verbal communications, not only on the R/T, are essential in air traffic control, and how misunderstandings can lead to loss of life. Many accidents have communications as causal factors and this book goes into some of those accidents and discusses the ambiguities in communications that led to those accidents. It also covers the newly introduced

ICAO proficiency tests and its implications. This book connects two systems, the language one and the aeronautical one. It explains how English is applied in aviation and how miscommunications occur.

Overall, it's a good research book that gives a scientific background, including facts of interests to those who are trying to implement a single language in ATC.

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