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And inconvenience there is! Delays, stranded passengers, disruption of airline operations with **knock-on effects** sometimes thousands of miles away. Airport shutdowns also impact the economic activity of a whole region. And then there is the **hassle** of putting everything back into gear once the airport reopens! Tempelhof airport **closed down** in October 2008 and has recently been transformed into Germany's largest **shelter** for migrants to help **alleviate** the Syrian refugee crisis. This is a rather extreme outcome as most of the time airports are only temporarily shut down or partially closed. It can happen for a number of reasons, predictable or not: restricted operational hours, weather, accidents, technical problems, work in progress, strikes, demonstrations by **local residents**, suspicion of terrorist activity, special events such as airshows or competitions, wildlife incursions, FODs.

Below is a **medley** of such situations. Listen to the audio version on www.anglais-pour-voler.com and find the missing words in the transcript. For practice, some numbers have been deleted as well. One dash is a word or a number. Some of the recordings are from www.liveatc.net.

Bad weather at Kennedy

CTL JetBlue (1 - - -) Kennedy is closed, go around, fly (2 - -) and maintain 2000.

PIL Ok, (2 - -), 2000, JetBlue (1 - - -).

CTL And American (3 - -), I don't know if you want to go back to the (4 -) or if you would just want to (5 - -) but the airport is closed.

PIL OK ... any idea (6 - -), or ... we'll (7 -) with the company, but ...

CTL Yeah, we just got the (8 -) ... I (9 -) they are going to have to (10 -) the runways and taxiways, so ... I don't really have an (11 -), I'm sure they'll do the runway first, but I don't really have an (11 -).

PIL Ok ... we'll (12 - -) to the company, we'll (13 - - -).

Caution, kangaroos ahead!

CTL There was a (14 - -) onto the runway ... by (15 -); one has been (16 -) however they are still looking for the others. The Australian Federal Police has closed Brisbane airport (17 - -), any further (18 -) I'll pass on ... on this frequency.

CTL (19 - -), considering the (20 -), there are quite a few aircraft considering the Gold Coast as an alternate.

PIL Do you feel it will be (21 -) in the next 1-0 minutes or not?

CTL We have an (11 -) that the federal police will update us in 10 minutes, 1-0 minutes, but that's not necessarily going to be a (22 - -).

Fort Lauderdale Executive airport

CTL N (23 - -) FL Executive tower roger, airport is closed at this time, (24 - -), I have no idea (6 - -) it's going to be.

PIL OK, I guess ... any chance I could (25 - -) for (26 - - -)?

CTL 11FL roger, maintain VFR and (27 - - -) the D airspace, I'll keep you (28 -) as soon I hear something.

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CTL Aztec 44NA be (28 -) Fort Lauderdale Executive airport is closed, I have no idea when it's going to open yet, Sir, (24 - -).

Stafford, Virginia

ATIS Stafford regional airport will be closing at approximately (29 -) today in anticipation of the (30 -). Runway 15/33 are (31 -) closed. We anticipate them remaining closed until 27 January at approximately 1200 Z. It goes without saying all (32 - -) are (33 -) as well. Everybody please be (34 -), we'll see you when this is over.

Ottawa reopens runway 32

CTL Porter 255 do you have a (35 -) there?

PIL 1 (36 -), Sir, go ahead

CTL Runway 32 has been closed in Ottawa since last May, we just (37 -) it, we haven't had one lander on it, you'd be the first one. Media is already there, they want to (38 -) and all of that. Are you interested at all? The wind is 0-7-0 at 11 knots, if you are not and you want to land on 0-7 we (39 -) that, but they wanted someone to land on 32, and there may be some (40 -) to get out of that.

PIL 1 OK, yes, (36 -) we can do it, no problem.

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PIL 2 Thanks very much, (41 - -) in the air, we're cleared for takeoff runway 32, Air Canada 4-5-3, thank you for letting us be n°1 (42 -).

CTL It seems that that (43 -) is not there anymore at C.

PIL 2 (44 - -).

Miscellaneous

ATIS (45 - -) closed.

ATIS Taxiway H (46 -) closed.

ATIS (47 - -) taxiway Bravo closed.

CTL (48 - - -) your intentions. (49 - - -), we are closed (17 - - -).

CTL The airport is closed right know, we are working on some (50 - -).

Vocabulary

TO ALLEVIATE: soulager, réduire

TO CLOSE DOWN: fermer définitivement

A CONTINGENCY PLAN: plan de secours, d'urgence

TO HANG OUT: général : trainer (avec des amis)

..... Ici : attendre (au point d'arrêt)

A HASSLE: une prise de tête

A KNOCK-ON EFFECT: une répercussion

LOCAL RESIDENTS: riverains

A MEDLEY: mélange, pot-pourri

NOON: midi

A SHELTER: un abri