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Landing gears Where aircraft meet earth



They come in all shapes and sizes, from the simple steel spring bars of some light aircraft to the 4-wheel bogies of airliners. Also called undercarriages, they fall into various categories: tricycle, conventional, fixed, retractable ... They are mostly equipped with wheels, but are sometimes fitted with skis, floats, or skids. Most of the time, you only hear about them when something goes wrong. Below are a few excerpts from www.liveatc.net recorded during various landing gear malfunctions. Listen to the audio file at www.anglais-pour-voler.com/in-english-please/2019-iep/ and find the missing words in the script below. One dash is a word.

landing gear problems ...

PIL We have a (- - 1).

PIL We know that there is some (- 2) with the (- - - 3), but we can't (- - 4) what.

CTL Did you (- - - 5)?

PIL We don't have (- - 6).

CTL Is your gear down, have you got (- - - 7)? Negative.

CTL Do you want to climb higher than ten thousand now or stay there to (- 8)?

CTL I guess this is his (- 9) that (- 10).

CTL When you have time just let me know which side of the aircraft you (- 10) the (- 9) on and (- 11) and fuel on board.

CTL When ready you can just advise the (- 12) of the problem and if you'll require any (- 13) on the ground.

PIL The gear is (- 14) down, we are trying to (- - - 15), otherwise we have no problem, there is no other problem, but the gear is (- 14) down.

PIL They are (- 16), I (- 17) it a couple of times, I feel like it is going up and down, I can feel it, but the one system saying it's going up and down, the other saying it's constantly (- - - 18).

PIL It is released from the (- - 19) it just does not seem to be locking from what I am being told.

PIL We are (- 20), how about we climb a little higher?

... and attempts at solutions

PIL We are going to need to (- - 21) some checklists.

CTL So, it sounds as if the gear is down, it just had to be (- - 22).

PIL We ran this checklist, and I'd like to make some (- - 23) to the right to see if I can maybe get it to (- - 24).

PIL We are going to do another checklist and (- 25) the gear see if it comes down, we'll do another (- - 26), we'll need a couple of minutes.

Visual observation from the ground

PIL It's going to be a (- - 26) with a (- 27).

CTL You are n°2 behind a regional jet, wind 1-7-0 at 9, runway 2-2 right, cleared for the (- - 28).

PIL Take a look at that right main, we've got (- - 29) on it.

CTL Can you look at the landing gear of this aircraft (- 30), please?

PIL We'd like to do a (- - 28), then fly over at 200 feet and see if you can see anything with the (- - 31).

CTL Somebody at the tower with (- 32) observed it to be (- 33).

CTL How about a (- 34) on runway 2-2 right?

CTL I don't think the right gear is (- - - 35) down.

CTL got a (- - 36) here though.

After landing

CTL He is requesting the fire vehicles to inspect his tyres to make sure nothing (- - - 37).

CTL The left engine shutdown, if you could

please, you've got a (- 38) on the left main, there, and

PIL We could smell a lot of (- 39), hot (- 39) smell, as we passed the 7-3-7.

CTL They did check the runway and they did appear to find (- - - 40) on the runway.

CTL One of the previous departures appears to have (- 41) some sort of tyre, so we are going to get a vehicle out there to remove the (- 42) on the runway.

CTL (- 43) aircraft would like an inspection of the (- 3).

CTL Can you clear the runway or are you going to be (- 44) there?

CTL We do have a (- 45) aircraft on runway 2-5, expect vectors back round for 2-6.

CTL In the mean time we'd like to have you take a look at the runway if you find any (- 46).

RFFS It looks like two (- 47) on the right main and we have got (- 48) coming off it at this time, we've got our (- - - 49).

RFFS You have absolutely no (- 39) left on those two (- - 50).

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