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THE DOCTOR, the escaped prisoner, the ex-rock star, the lottery winner, the Iraqi military veteran, the hunter, and 42 others. They are all when the first opiced of a contract of the start of the start opiced opiced of the start opiced op

When the first episode of *Lost* was shown in the United States, 18.65 million people watched it. At the beginning of the series, a plane from With little chance of rescue, the survivors have to learn to live on the other.

In each episode we learn more about a different character through a series of flashbacks. All the survivors are connected and each survivor has a purpose that will help them unlock the island's secrets.

But when will the secrets be unlocked? The creators of the series say that they have enough material for five years. But will fans have the patience to wait that long to discover the secrets in *Lost*?



LOST: the facts

The budget for the original two-hour pilot was \$12 million, much more than the cost of most television shows.

The show is filmed in Hawaii.

It won the Emmy award for Best Television Drama in 2005.

The numbers 4, 8, 15, 16, 23 and 42 have a special significance in the show, but no-one knows what it is ... yet.

One character uses the numbers 4, 8, 15, 16, 23 and 42 to win the lottery. During the first season's finale, the numbers appear on a car dashboard and on the jerseys of a girl's soccer team.

Fans of the series share their own theories about the series in Internet forums. There is even a www.4815162342.com website.

The plane the survivors travel on belongs to a fictional airline company called Oceanic. Oceanic has been used in many films and television shows, usually involving crashes!

Lost is the creation of J.J. Abrams and Damon Lindelof. J.J. Abrams also helped make the television show Alias, and is the writer and director of the upcoming film Mission Impossible 3.

The first season depicted the first 44 days on the island.

One of the *Lost* characters has a tattoo that reads "Living is easy with eyes closed". This is a lyric from the song "Strawberry Fields" by the Beatles.

More than 20 million people saw the first episode of the second season when it was broadcast in September 2005.

The first episode of the second season begins with a computer prompting a man to enter the numbers 4, 8, 15, 16, 23 and 42.



THE DOCTOR.

You want people to help you look for medicine.

Your line: "I'm a doctor. Are you OK?"

THE EX-ROCK STAR.

You want to organise an island party.

Your line: "Don't you know who I am?"

THE ESCAPED PRISONER.

You don't want anyone to know who you are (invent a story for yourself!).

Your line: "Let's make a boat and get out of here!"

You are THE HUNTER.

You want to explore the island.

Your line:
"You all stay here.
I'm going to explore."

You are THE POLICE OFFICER.

You are looking for the prisoner, but during the crash you lost your memory and can't remember who the prisoner is.

Your line: "There's a dangerous criminal among us. Be careful!"

THE BUSINESS EXECUTIVE.

You want to call work.

Your line:
"I will pay €1,000 to the person who fixes my phone!"

OURE LOST.

IN THIS ACTIVITY, we want you to imagine you are trapped on a desert island with a group of other people who have survived an air crash. Who are the others and what are their stories? What are you going to do? How are you going to survive?

You are THE PRIEST.

You want everyone to stay together.

Your line: "God will help us if we pray."

THE SOLDIER.

You want to be the leader of the group.

Your line: "I will make the decisions."

THE TOP MODEL.

You want to find your luggage.

Your line: "My bags! Where are my bags?!"

You are THE TEACHER.

You want to help.

Your line:
"I'm a teacher. What can I do
to help?"

You are THE CHEF.

You want to catch some fish and get food.

Your line:
"What are we going to eat tonight?"

BLANK CARD

You are...

You want...

Your line:

LOST ON THE WEB!



THE PRODUCERS OF LOST have created an imaginary website for Oceanic (www.oceanic-air.com). The site is full of "Easter eggs". An "Easter egg" is something that is hidden on a DVD or website. They are usually found by word of mouth, by accident or by detective work. Follow the instructions below and you can find the secrets of Lost ... on the Web.





Go to the Oceanic Airlines website at www.oceanic-air.com. Look at the home page and answer these questions:

- 1. How many years has Oceanic existed?
- 2. What is the Oceanic slogan? (See the top of the page.)



STEP Z

At the bottom of the page you'll see a section with the title "Travellers". Enter the *Lost* numbers: 4, 8, 15, 16, 23 and 42 (they may already be entered) and click the "Find" button. Wait for the seating chart information to load. This may take time, depending on your connection speed.



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Now you are ready to find the "Easter eggs" hidden on the page. Click on a seat in row 4 and you will see another seat change colour. Click on the new seat to see an image from the TV show. Click on the seat again to see another image.

Repeat the same process with the other "magic" numbers. Which of the following can you find?

- 1, A concert pass for Drive Shaft.
- 2. A diary with a girl's face.
- 3. A map of the island.
- 4. A marshal's identity badge.
- 5. Photos of characters from Lost.
- 6. A bottle.
- 7. A wedding ring.

Can you find anything else to add to the list?



STEP 4

Now click on the seat row numbers (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42) again. You will see a trailer of the second season. Can you complete the sentences below? (You will need audio to complete the final sentence.)

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They're not the "Somebody	they thought they were.

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After the trailer, you will be taken to a new website for the series *Lost*. Find the link "Explore" and click on it to see different excerpts from the television series. Report back to the rest of the class on what you found.