

## How to irritate Flight-Passengers

*By John Cleese & Graham Chapman. Transcribed from the video; „John Cleese on how to irritate People“*

*(The sketch opens in an aeroplane cockpit. The Captain and the First Officer are whistling idly. They are obviously very bored)*

**C:** I spy with my little eye something beginning with S....

**FO:** Sky....

**C:** Mm-mh....

**FO:** I spy with my little eye something beginning with C.

**C:** Cloud

**FO:** Yeah. Oh God, I'm so bored...

**C:** I'm fed up with that game. Let's play another game... I know what...

*(The Captain picks up a microphone..)*

**C:** *(over intercom)* „Hello this is your Captain speaking. There is absolutely no cause for concern.“ That will get them thinking..

*(First Officer reaches for the microphone..)*

**C:** No, no, no, no. Not yet, not yet. Let it sink in. They will be thinking, er, 'What is there no cause for alarm about ? Are the wings on fire?' - *(over intercom)* „The wings are not on fire.“ Now they are thinking, er, 'Why should he say that?' So we say...

*(Steward enters the cockpit..)*

**FO:** Oh, how are we doing ?

**S:** *(looks down the aisle)* They've stoppd eating; Looking a bit worried...

**C:** Good...

**S:** Hang on, one of them is going to the washroom.

**C:** Is he there yet ?

**S:** He's just closing the door...NOW !!!!

**C:** One...two...three...

**FO:** *(over intercom)* „Please return to your seats and fasten your seatbelts immediately.“

**S:** Yes...here he comes, going up the aisle like the clappers. I'll do the worried walk now...

*( He leaves the cockpit )*

**FO:** Right. Safety regulations.

**C:** *(agreeing)* Safety regulations.

**FO:** *(over intercom)* „Please listen carefully. I want you, I want you to remind you of some of the safety regulations. In the case of emergency it is vitally important to.....

*(The Captain makes a radio-static type noise..)*

**FO:** „as the warning buzzer sounds.“

**C:** „Bzzzzz“

*(They both laugh..)*

**C:** Oh, that's got them rattled.

**S:** *(enters cockpit)* Great..Great !!!...(exits cockpit)

**C:** Hey, I've got an idea !! - „Hello you will find your life-jackets under your seats.“

**FO:** No they are on the racks.

**C:** Sh.Shhhh, let them scrabble a bit. - „I'm sorry, you will find them in the racks above your heads.“

**FO:** Aaahh !

**S:** *(back again)* Great, great...that was marvellous !

**FO:** Right. Gobbledegook..

**C:** Oh yes.

**FO:** „The scransons above your heads are now ready to flange. Please unfasten your seatbelts and press the emergency photoscamps on the back of the seats in the front of you.“

**S:** *(looks out)* Marvellous, milling about, climbing over the seats.

**FO:** „Please find the emergency sprill in the washroom at the back and release it...“

**C:** „but do not unfasten your seat belts.“

**S:** That got them back to their seats.

**FO:** „The emergency sprill MUST be released.“

**C:** „...but do not leave your seats.“

**FO:** „Do not panic.“

**C:** „Tea will now be served.“

**FO:** „Inflate your life jackets.“

**C:** „...and extinguish all cigarettes.“

**FO:** „Please remove the luggage from the racks above your heads and place it on the racks on the other side of the aircraft.“

**C:** „...except for hand-luggage....“

**FO:** „which you should sit on.“

*(They are in fits of laughter..)*

**C:** Now have a look.

**S:** *(looks)* Hang on..hang on...! They have all jumped out !

*(They laugh, pointing downwards and looking out of the window. After a while the laughter dies away. There is a lengthy pause.)*

**C:** You know, I wouldn't be suprised if there was some trouble about this...

*(They burst out laughing again. The sketsh ends...)*