

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 photocamps 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...)