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Air travel

London Heathrow is one of the world's busiest airports and it's still growing - much to the anger of some people, who are worried about the effects of more flights than ever. Join Jackie and Callum as they hear views for and against allowing more and more planes to fill the skies.

**This week's question:** How many passengers travel through Heathrow airport annually?

- a) 45 million
- b) 67 million
- c) 78 million

Listen out for the answer at the end of the programme!

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### Vocabulary from the programme

#### the impact

the effect

Example: *Many people are worried about the impact of flying on the environment.*

#### quality of life

how good or bad your life is (shown, for example, by how healthy, happy and wealthy you are)

Example: *The quality of life in this part of the world is terrible.*

#### carbon dioxide / CO<sub>2</sub>

a gas created when animals breath out, when carbon is burned in air or when animals and plants decay

#### carbon emissions / CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

carbon dioxide released into the air (scientists believe the rise in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is harming the environment)

#### a carbon footprint

a measure of how much effect human activities have on the environment in terms of how much CO<sub>2</sub> they produce.

Example: *He must have a huge carbon footprint, he takes so many flights!*

#### a boom

a big increase

Example: *There's been a boom in air travel.*

#### a low-cost carrier / a budget airline

an airline that offers cheap tickets and doesn't supply many of the traditional services (e.g. free



meals) that other airlines offer

**the expansion**

the growth, increase in size

Example: *He thinks the expansion of the airport is a good thing.*

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