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#### FLYING HAMSTER

I am very excited today, because I am going to the airport this afternoon to pick up my little cousin Harley, who is on an aeroplane right now, flying from New York to London to visit me. I can't wait to see her!

I have been told that when people fly a long way on an aeroplane, they often have to choose from three classes of travel, and the class of travel they choose usually depends on how much they can (or wish to) pay for their tickets.

Economy class is the cheapest class. If you fly economy, you usually get a seat with a little space in front of you for your legs. It can be quite difficult to stretch out and go to sleep if you have long legs. In fact, it can sometimes be quite difficult to stretch out and go to sleep even if you have short legs.

Here is a picture of Samantha and Diana, flying economy.





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Business class is more expensive than economy class, but for your money you usually get more space and a bigger, more comfortable seat on which you can lie back properly, which is nice for sleeping.

First class is more expensive than business class. You get even more space and a bigger, super comfortable seat, or even a proper bed, which is extra nice for sleeping.

There are, of course, other differences between the three classes. For example, you can usually watch movies on the aeroplane to help pass the time on a long flight. However, your TV screen might be bigger in first class than in economy. Also, I have heard that the food in first class is a lot fancier than the food in economy class. Even so, nothing could possibly be the same as being in the comfort of your own home.

When Samantha and Diana asked me about Harley's visit, they were surprised when I said that she was not flying economy, business or first. They said, "Wow! Does she have a private plane? She must be very rich!"

I said, "No, she is a humble working hamster like me, but like any sensible hamster, she is flying hamster."

"What do you mean by that?" asked Samantha and Diana.

I explained that Harley would have picked up the box where she makes her home in New York and put it on to the aeroplane. Then she would have gone into her box through the front door and she will stay there until the plane lands in London. She is in her own home, but also on the aeroplane.

"Does that mean she can sit on her own sofa, sleep in her own bed and watch her own TV?" asked Samantha and Diana.

I laughed and said, "Of course. She can do anything she might do if she were at home in her box... because she actually is at home in her box, except her box is on the aeroplane and not in New York. She can cook something delicious in her own kitchen,



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take a relaxing bath in her own tub, or even write a blog post on her computer. Flying hamster is not much different from spending time at home."

Here is a picture of me, flying hamster. As you can see, I am in my box, sitting on my own sofa, eating some freshly made popcorn.



I know some of my readers will want to know how much it costs to fly hamster. The answer is that flying hamster is free. As you do not need to use any of the seats (or beds) on the plane when you fly hamster, you do not need to buy an airline ticket.

The moral of this blog post is that anyone who needs to fly a long way on an aeroplane should think about flying hamster. After all, the best things in life are free.

I'm going to set off to the airport now, as Harley's flight is landing in an hour.

Bye for now!

Harrison Hamster I 28th October 2011