Quartz: Reporting the news

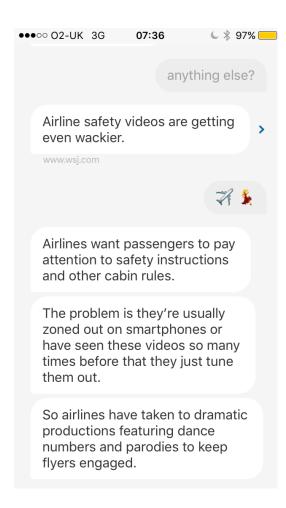
Discussion 1:

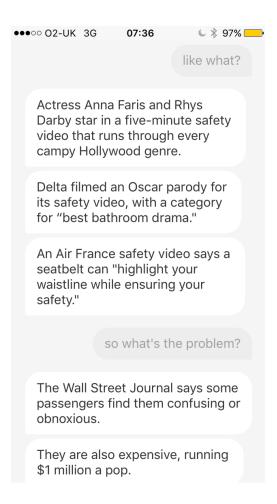
- 1) Do you read much in English?
- 2) Do you read the newspapers?
- 3) When you get to work / meet your friends, do you chat about what you've read?

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- 1) Do you think this sounds like a good idea?
- 2) What might the advantages / disadvantages be?





Discussion 2:

1) What are the positives and negatives to the new airline videos?

Vocabulary focus 1:

- 1) Comparative adjective: more crazy / ridiculous -
- 2) Verb phrase: not paying attention / head in the clouds -
- 3) Verb phrase: choose not to pay attention to something you find uninteresting -
- 4) Noun: Joke versions of something serious -
- 5) Adjective: extremely unpleasant / offensive -
- 6) Phrase: "They cost X for each one"

Discussion 3:

- 1) What do you think about this idea? Do you think it will work?
- 2) What do you think of how the Quartz App works?

Vocabulary focus 2:

- Can you find any interesting words or phrases that the app uses to link their ideas?
- If you were telling a friend about this story, how could you add your own opinion / comments?

Reporting:

- Report the above story to your partners. Highlight the key points, use appropriate linking phrases and give your opinion.
- Read and report the story below to your partners.

by TARIO TAHIR A DRIVER who turned his lorry into a dethal weapon' by fiddling with his phone at the wheel was jailed for ten years yesterday for killing a woman and three children. Distracted Tomasz Kroker – who was filmed by a camera in his cab - 'might as well have had his eyes closed' when he ploughed into the car carrying his victims, the judge said. Kate Goldsmith, who lost her 11-year-old daughter Aimee in the crash, said: "To all intents and purposes, Mr Kroker's use of his mobile phone whilst driving turned his lorry into a lethal weapon. In a plea to other motorists, she said: 'I would urge you to make a personal pledge not to use a mobile phone and to make the roads