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THINK ABOUT IT (PAGE 60)

QUESTION 1. Bill Bryson says, “I am, in short, easily confused.” What examples has he given to justify this?

ANSWER: Bill Bryson never had a pleasant journey. He got easily confused. Citing examples, he said that he could not easily find lavatory in a cinema hall and finally found himself standing nearby a self-locking door.



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At the hotels too, he asked his room number many time in a day.



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QUESTION 2. What happens when the zip on his carry-on bag gives way?

ANSWER: The author got much confused in that condition. When the zip on his carry-on bag gave way, everything within fell on the ground and scattered all over. Newspaper cuttings, loose papers, tobacco packet, magazines, passport, English money and film spread over a large area.

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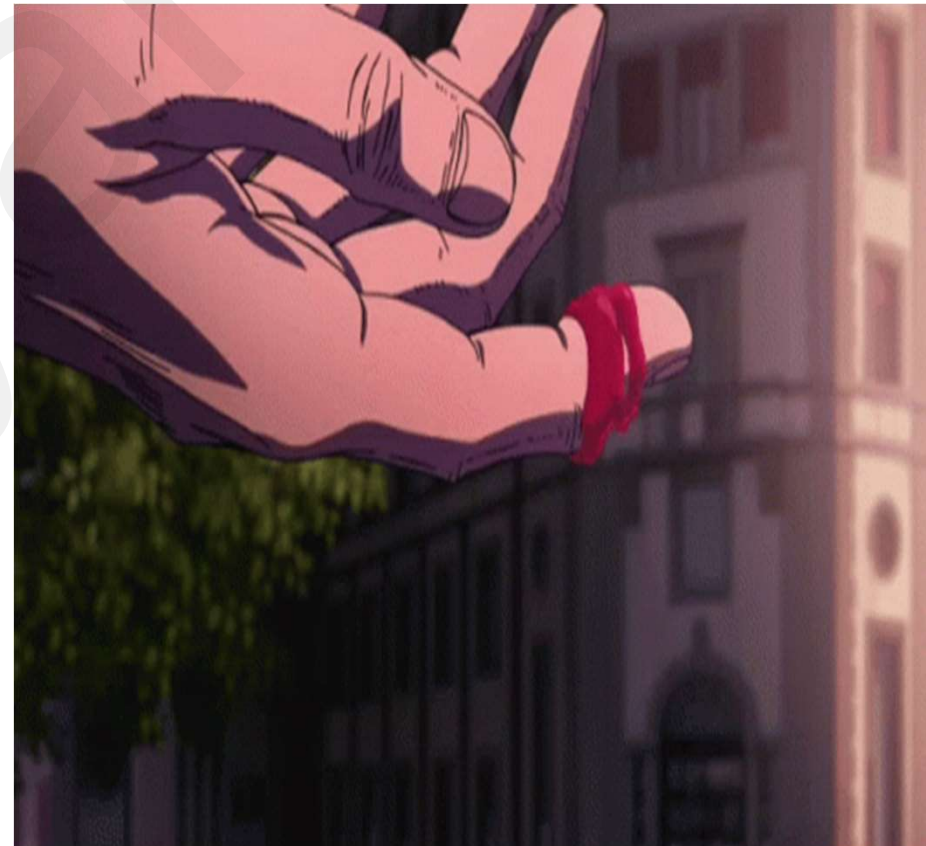


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QUESTION 3. Why is his finger bleeding? What is his wife's reaction?

ANSWER: His finger gashed while he tried to pull the zip forcefully and it started bleeding. At this his wife looked at him with an expression of wonder and remarked, "I can't believe you do this for a living".



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QUESTION 4. How does Bill Bryson end up in a “Crash position” in the aircraft?

ANSWER: Once while he was travelling in an aero plane, he leaned over to tie up his shoe laces. As soon as he leaned over for this purpose, someone in the seat ahead of him threw his seat back. Thus, the author ended up in a “crash position”.



Position 1:
Head as far as possible down,
Hug your knees tightly.

Position 2:
Put head, Arms on seat in front,
as shown