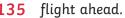
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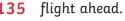
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## Answers



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4. Who do you think the 'smartly dressed lady' was? Explain your answer. Accept answers which infer that it was the airhostess, provided that a relevant explanation is given, such as 'because they wear a smart uniform' or 'because she brought refreshments and that is part of their job'.



