

Dialect Readings

Newfoundland Accent

On the northeast tip of North America, on an island called Newfoundland, there's an airport—it used to be one of the biggest airports in the world. And next to it, is a town called Gander.

Jaysus, that's a jumbo! There's gotta be two-fifty or tree hundred on her. We got 38 planes—we got two, tree hundred people on the average...

German, French, Spanish Accents

Ladies and Gentlemen: can I have your attention? We've received word that there has been an incident in the US that will require us to make an unscheduled stop in Gander, Newfoundland.

Texan Accent

On final approach, we're coming into runway two-two, and I think, "Where am I going to park this thing?" There are planes lined up like sardines. It looks like everybody in Newfoundland is here.

New York Accent

I don't understand why they can't let us off. I mean, just to stretch our legs, I mean really? I need to get some air! Oh my god! I need to get off this plane!

British Accent

Do you mind if I sit here? I need to get some work done and there's some drunk people at the back of the plane singing at the top of their lungs. No—I just needed to get an emergency prescription filled—my medication is in my suitcase. Nothing serious. Not like, "Ohmygod, he's off his medication." I'll stop talking now.

African Accent

My family and I try to see out the bus windows. No one tells us where we are going. My wife and daughter are scared. They ask me what is happening and I do not know.

Yiddish Accent

I was born in Poland, I think. And my parents—they were Jews—they sent me here before the war started—I still remember some prayers they taught me. As a boy, I was told I should never tell anyone that I was Jewish—even my wife.

Middle Eastern Accent

Dear Miss Beulah. When my daughter asks about what happened to me over those five days, I tell her about your kindness. Thank you again. Sincerely, Ali