

A Helicopter's Bumpy Ride

- (1) No one was injured when a small helicopter landed in the parking lot at the picturesque viewpoint of the Grand Canyon in Arizona.
- (2) The helicopter was giving a scenic tour to 6 passengers from Shanghai.
- (3) In total there were 9 passengers aboard the helicopter, 2 pilots, a tour guide, and the family of 6.
- (4) The helicopter dove to the base of the canyon and flew along the Colorado River for a couple of minutes.
- (5) While returning to the top of the Grand Canyon, the helicopter's propeller clipped a tree and bumped into the side of the canyon, breaking off one of the propellers.
- (6) The helicopter then began to fly unsteadily and unbalanced.
- (7) The helicopter was still swaying as it reached the top of the canyon.
- (8) The pilot circled the parking lot, trying to remain steady, but it was impossible.
- (9) Finally, he had to crash-land because the helicopter couldn't make it to the landing base.
- (10) Fire trucks were waiting near the parking lot when the helicopter crash-landed.
- (11) Fortunately no one was injured, and a fire never occurred.
- (12) However the passengers remained frightened.

語注

bumpy ガタガタと揺れる

- (1) picturesque 絵のように美しい viewpoint あるものが見える地点
- (2) scenic 景色のいい passenger 乗客
- (3) in total 合計で aboard ~に乗って
- (4) dove < dive canyon 峡谷 flew < fly a couple of 数個[数人]の
- (5) clip かすめる bump into ドンとぶつかる break off 折り[ちぎり]取る
- (6) unsteadily 不安定に
- (7) sway 揺れる
- (9) crash-land 強行着陸[不時着]する make it to ~に到達する
- (11) occur 発生する