

Air Traffic Control

In "Travel Behind the Scenes," we meet people who work in places where they observe travelers or the travel industry. This week, host Diana Nyad talks with Sherry Avery, manager of the LAX control tower. Sherry supervises controllers and support personnel who last year handled 622,000 takeoffs and landings, carrying about 55 million people. Sherry was a controller herself once.

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1. What job did Sherry have before she became an air traffic controller?
2. How old was she when she started working as an air traffic controller?
3. What happened in her family life shortly after she started working?
4. What changes occurred in her personality?
5. According to Sherry, why do these changes take place?
6. What does the air traffic controller have to sound like on the air?

True/False/Not Given

7. Her job is the same most days
8. People work 2-5 airplanes at a time
9. Ground control is in charge of taxi-ing airplanes around
10. Flying is the safest mode of travel

Conclusion

11. What did the captain tell his passengers?