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In the morning of 11th September 2001, American Airlines Flight 11 from Boston to Los Angeles was hijacked at 8:14 am. Hijackers grasped the control stick and changed the course to the south. The plane crashed into the North Tower of the New York World Trade Center Building at 8:46. At first people could not understand what happened. Many people thought that the small aircraft crashed with the manipulation in error. However, following the American Airlines, United Airlines Flight 175 headed to the same destination from the same airport was hijacked in the same manner. It crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center Building. TV news which covered the first incident relayed the next incident. Not only citizens in New York but also people around the world witnessed live broadcast. It was an unbelievable scene never seen before. Only after a while they understood that violent terrorist incident had to be taken place.

Tragedies continued furthermore. American Airlines Flight 77 from Washington to Los Angeles was also hijacked at around 8:40. It crashed into the headquarter of the Department of Defense (commonly known as the Pentagon due to a pentagonal star shape). In addition, United Airlines Flight 93 from Newark to San Francisco was hijacked at 9:28. But passengers in the airplane had acknowledged what happened at the World Trade Center Building in New York. They struggled with hijackers in the plane. The plane was crashed on the ground at 240 KM northwest of Washington DC. It was at 10:03 am. Hijackers were believed to target at the White House or Parliament Building. The

four terrorist attacks of simultaneous hijackings were the biggest disaster in the history with 3,000 death and 6,300 injuries.

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