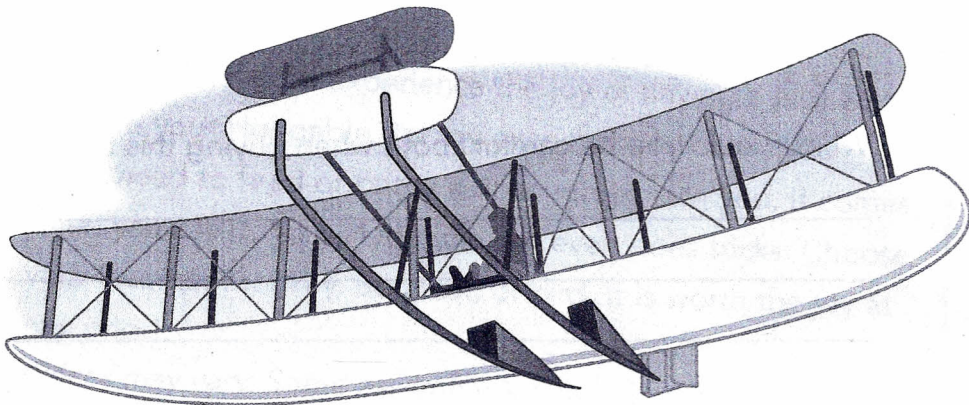


The Wright Brothers

Read the passage. Then, answer the questions.

Orville and Wilbur Wright are famous American brothers. They owned a bicycle shop in Dayton, Ohio. They also thought of flying. In 1899, they **experimented**, or tried new ideas, with flight. They started by testing kites. Then, they tested airplanes without motors. These airplanes were called gliders. These tests taught them how an airplane should move and fly. The brothers made more than 1,000 flights at a field in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The Wright brothers put a small engine on an airplane they named *Flyer*. On December 17, 1903, Orville Wright took the first flight using an airplane with a motor. The flight lasted 12 seconds. The brothers kept experimenting. Finally, they were able to stay in the air more than one hour.



1. What is the main idea of the story?
 - A. Testing new ideas is not important.
 - B. The *Flyer* was the first airplane.
 - C. The Wright brothers were early pilots.
2. What does the word **experiment** mean?
 - A. to try new ideas
 - B. to test kites
 - C. to stay in the air for one hour
3. Where did the brothers test their gliders and their airplane?

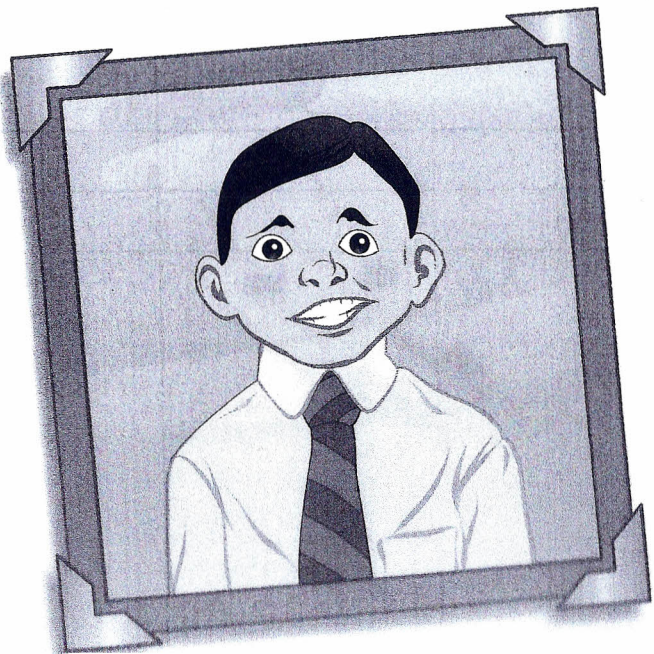
4. How long did their first flight in an airplane with a motor last?

5. How did the brothers learn about what makes airplanes work?

Photograph

Read the story. Then, answer the questions.

Lamar was not comfortable. His new shirt was too stiff, and his tie felt tight. His mother had fussed over his hair. She wanted to make it look just right. She made him scrub his hands three times to clean the dirt from under his fingernails. Then, he had to brush and floss his teeth. Finally, his mom said he was ready. She smiled and said that Lamar looked very handsome. Lamar frowned, but he knew he could not tell his mom how he really felt. This was important to her. So, Lamar sat on a stool and looked toward the camera. He tried his best, even though he did not feel like smiling. "Perfect!" said the man behind the camera as he snapped the shot. The camera made a clicking sound. Lamar posed two more times. Then, the man said they were finished. The first thing Lamar did was take off his tie!



1. What was Lamar doing?

2. What clues tell you what Lamar is doing?

3. How does Lamar feel?

A. excited

B. uncomfortable

C. sad

4. What clues tell you how Lamar feels?

5. The _____ said, "Perfect!"

Amelia Earhart

Read the passage. Then, complete the crossword puzzle.

It is not surprising that Amelia Earhart wanted to fly an airplane. She was fearless when she was a little girl. In 1920, not many women flew airplanes. She did not let that stop her.

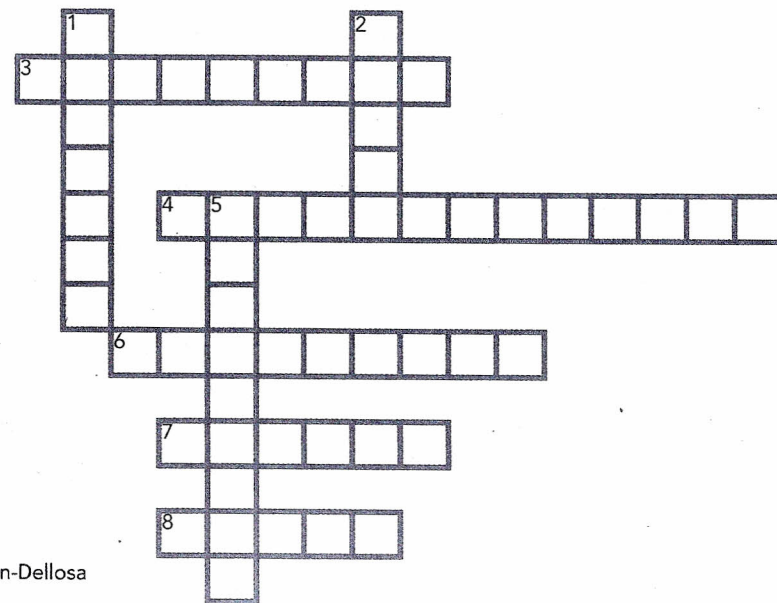
She started flying lessons in 1921. In 1922, she set a record for the highest flight by a woman. Then, in 1928, a man asked her if she could cross the Atlantic Ocean in an airplane. Earhart said that she could. Charles Lindbergh was the first man to fly across the ocean in an airplane. Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as a passenger. After the flight, people called her "Lady Lindy."

In 1932, she flew across the Atlantic Ocean again. This time she flew alone. In 1935, she was the first person to fly alone from Hawaii to California. She kept setting records. But, in 1937, she made the biggest news of all. Earhart was going to fly around the world!

Earhart and her navigator took off on June 1, 1937. They left from Florida. Her friends never dreamed it would be the last time they ever saw Earhart. On July 2, a ship picked up a radio call from Earhart somewhere over the Pacific Ocean. She said that she was running out of gas. They could not see the island where they were supposed to land for fuel. No one ever heard from them again.

We may never find the truth about the death of Amelia Earhart. But, she proved that women could have the same jobs as men and do them just as well.

1. Earhart disappeared over the _____ Ocean on July 2, 1937.
2. In 1928, Earhart became the first _____ to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as a passenger.
3. Earhart and her _____ took off on June 1, 1937.
4. Earhart started _____ in 1921.
5. Charles _____ was the first man to fly across the Atlantic Ocean.
6. People called Earhart " _____ ."
7. Earhart was the first _____ to fly alone from Hawaii to California.
8. In 1932, Earhart crossed the Atlantic Ocean _____ .



Notes

Read the notes. Then, answer the questions.

Shauna,
Your music teacher called to say that you left your math book in her room. She will leave it on the assistant's desk. Try to pick it up by 4:30.

Mom,
The carpet cleaning company called. They said that they are running late. They were supposed to come at 2:00. They are about one hour behind schedule.

Sam,
Your friend Jonathan called. He may not make it to the game because his sister broke her arm, and they are still at the hospital. He said you should ask William to play goalie if he does not make it back for the game.

Dad,
Uncle Harry called to say that he could not meet you at Pizza Joe's. Instead, he will meet you at the golf course after lunch.

1. What book did Shauna leave behind at her music lesson?
A. music
B. reading
C. math
2. Where will Uncle Harry meet Dad?

3. The carpet cleaners should be there by what time?

4. What position does Jonathan play?

5. _____ broke her arm.
6. Whom should Sam ask to play goalie?
A. Jonathan
B. William
C. Joe
7. Will the carpet cleaners be early or late?

Bats

Read the passage. Then, answer the questions.

Many people do not know all of the things that bats do for us. Bats are special animals. They are the only flying mammals on Earth. There are more than 900 kinds of bats in the world today. The smallest bat is also the smallest mammal. It is about the size of a bumblebee. The largest bat has a wingspan of up to 6 feet (1.83 m).

Bats help control the insect population. They use a sonar system to find and eat thousands of mosquitoes, mayflies, and moths at night. A bat makes a high-pitched sound that humans cannot hear. The sound bounces back and tells the bat where its next meal is.

Although most bats just eat insects, some eat fruit and the nectar of flowers. This is another way that bats are helpful. Bats pollinate flowers and spread the seeds for many tropical trees. Mango, cashew, and banana trees all depend on bats.



1. What is the main idea of this passage?

2. How many different kinds of bats are there in the world?

- A. more than 900
- B. more than 90
- C. more than 9,000

3. What do bats like to eat?

4. The largest species of bat has a wingspan of _____.

5. What kinds of tropical trees depend on bats to spread their seeds for pollination?
