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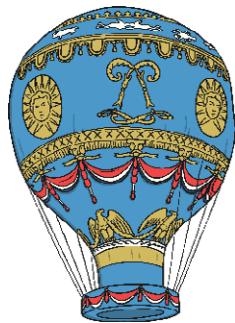
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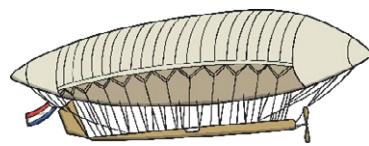
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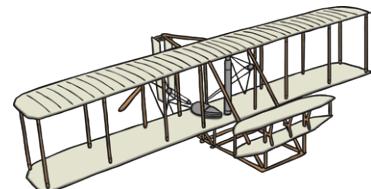
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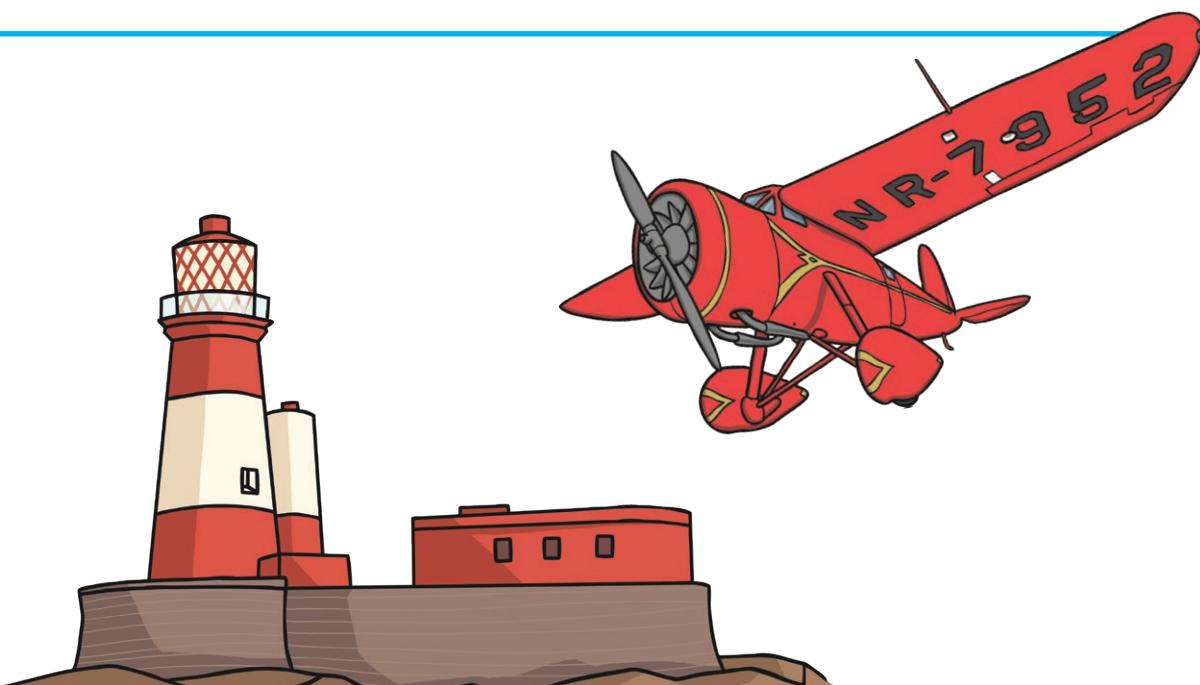
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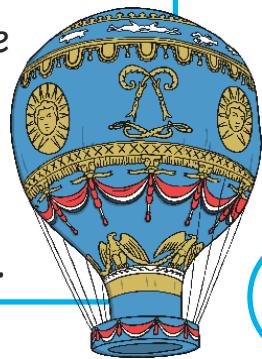


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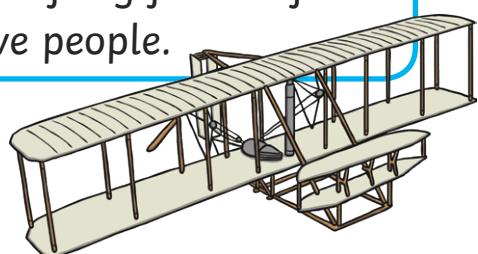
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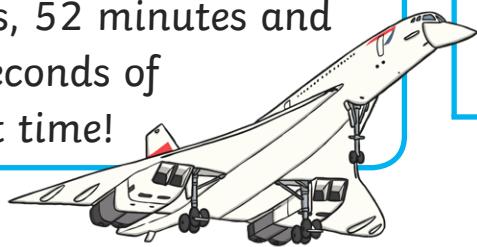
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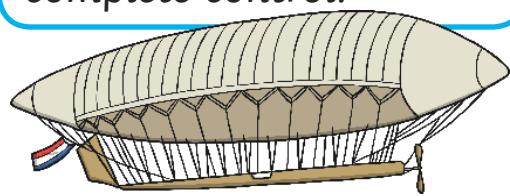


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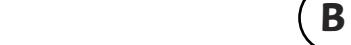
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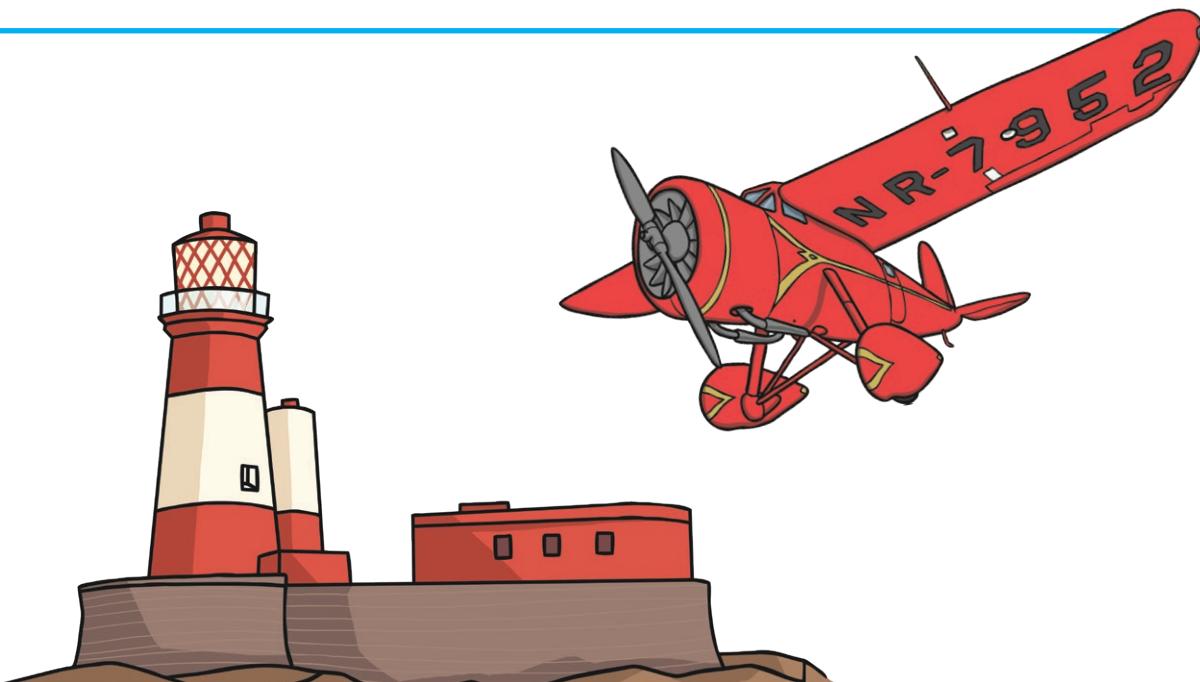
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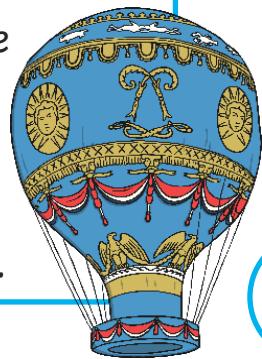


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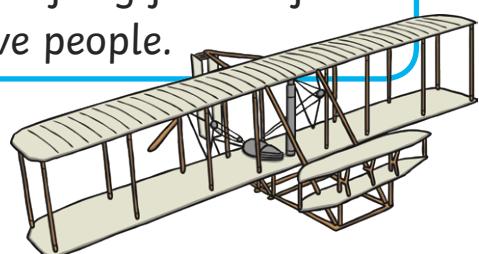
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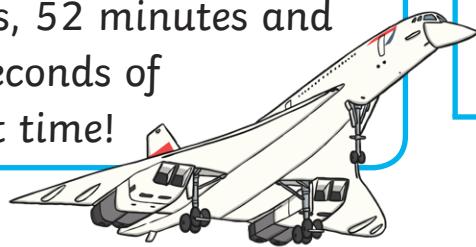
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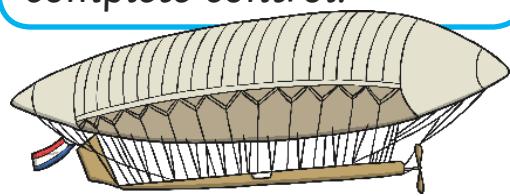


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2. She loved having _____ when she was a little girl.
3. Her mum let her wear _____ instead of a dress.
4. When she was 23 she had her first _____ lesson.
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6. A _____ was built on Howland Island to remember her.

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adventures

flying

lighthouse

pilot

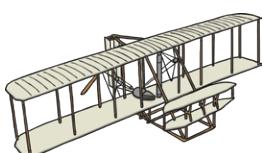
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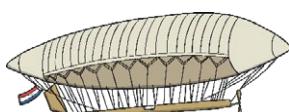
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Questions

1. Where was Amelia Earhart born?

(A)

California

Kansas

5. When did she attempt to fly solo around the world?

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She was a brave aviator.

She was the first lady to wear bloomers.

2. Who was Amelia Earhart's sister?

(B)

Muriel

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6. When did she attempt to fly solo around the world?

(D)

1946

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(C)

23

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7. Where did she go missing?

(D)

near Hawaii

near Holwand Island

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blue

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2. _____





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7. Put these events in order. Number them from 1 to 4.

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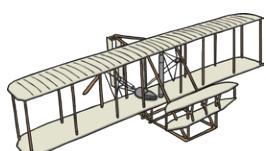
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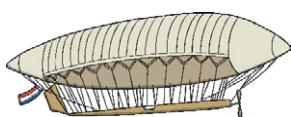
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