

Determined to Fly: The Wright Brothers' Story

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Understanding What You Read



1. In what city did the Wright brothers open their bicycle shop?

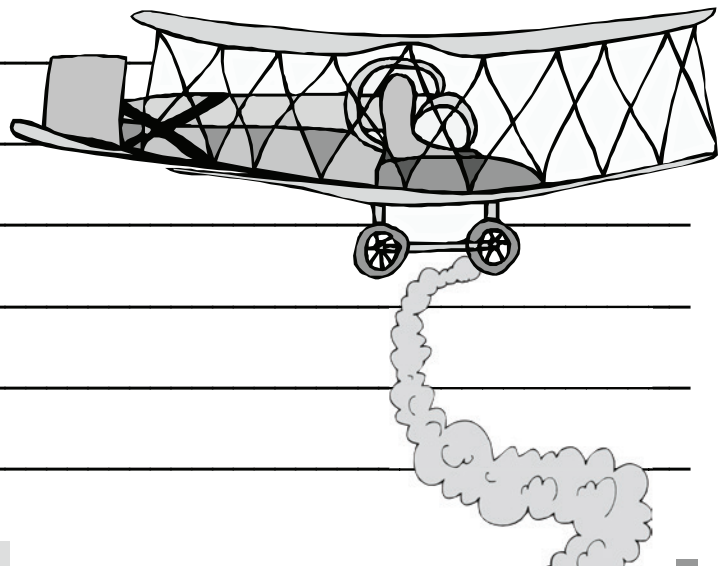
2. How old was Orville when he started his own printing business? _____
3. What name did Wilbur give to their first airplane? _____

4. How much did Orville and Wilbur's first airplane weigh? _____

Tell Your Own Story



Have you ever been on an airplane? Have you ever flown a kite or made a paper airplane? Tell the story of your favorite flying experience. Describe how you felt when you flew. _____



Vocabulary Builder



There are at least four compound words in the story. Find each word and write down the two smaller words that make up each compound word.

1. _____ is made up of _____ + _____
2. _____ is made up of _____ + _____
3. _____ is made up of _____ + _____
4. _____ is made up of _____ + _____

Figure It Out!



1. The Wright brothers arrived at Kitty Hawk on September 14 and left on November 12. How many days were they in Kitty Hawk? _____
2. Orville tested an airplane one day and it stayed in the air for 40 seconds. Wilbur tested another airplane later that day and it stayed in the air three times as long as Orville's plane. How long did Wilbur's plane stay in the air? _____

3. Orville's printing press could print 1,000 pages in an hour. If Orville charged 5 cents for every page he printed, how much money would he make in one hour?

4. In one day, Wilbur made three separate flights on an airplane. The first flight was 130 feet, the second flight 482 feet, and the third flight 210 feet. How many feet did the airplane fly that day? _____

Word Play



Unscramble the following sets of letters to make a word from the story.

1. geinen _____
2. chnamei _____
3. ycbicel _____
4. dgrlie _____