

# Practice Reading Tests - Year 2-3 The Wright Brothers

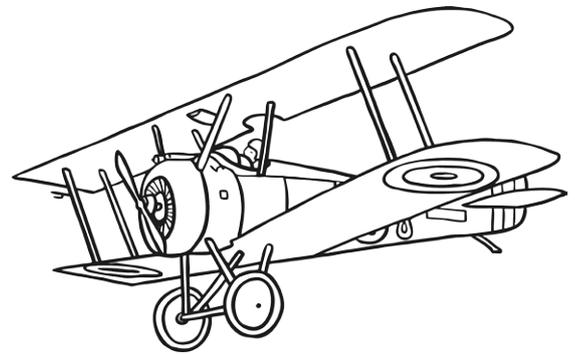
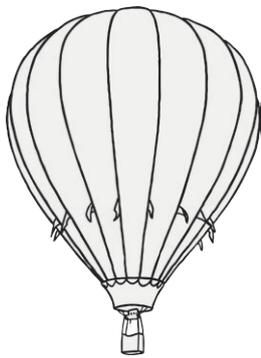
Read all the boxed text then answer the questions.

## The Wright Brothers

Orville and Wilbur Wright invented the aeroplane; this was a huge milestone in the world of international transportation.

Today, people can take trips that previously would have taken months by train or boat, now taking a few hours by plane.

The brothers grew up in America. As children, they enjoyed coming up with new inventions.



First flight of a hot-air balloon (1783)

Wilbur Wright born (1867)

First flight of an aeroplane (1903)

1700

1800

1900

2000

Orville Wright born (1871)

Name:

Date:

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1. Who invented the aeroplane? (Tick one)

Orville Wright

Orville and Wilbur Wright

The Wright brothers' father

Wilbur Wright

1 mark

2. Which two of these are slow ways of travelling far? (Tick two)

going on a train

going on a bike

going on a ship

going on a motorbike

going in a space shuttle

2 marks

3. Find and copy one word which means something large.

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1 mark.

4. Put ticks to show which statements are true and which are false. One has been done for you.

	True	False
Wilbur Wright was born in 1876		✓
The brothers grew up in America.		
The first flight of a hot-air balloon happened in 1783.		
Both brothers hated coming up with new inventions.		

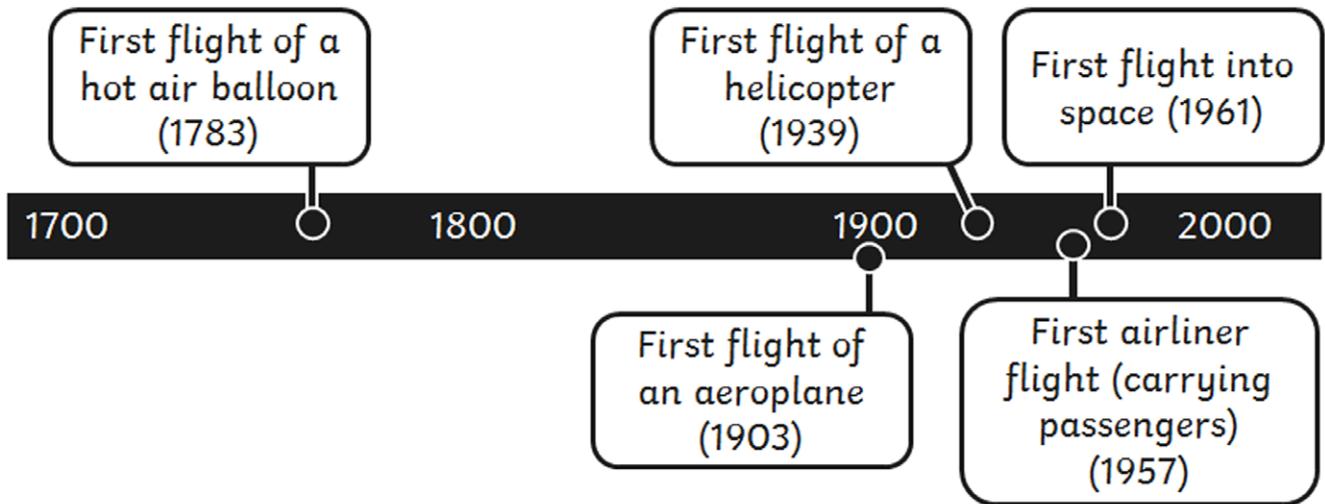
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# The Wright Brothers

Their interest in flight began when their father bought them a toy 'helicopter', which flew with the help of rubber bands. As they grew older, they learned how to make efficient propellers and studied how birds flew to aid their wing designs. They also learned how to make lightweight engines.

Orville made the first flight in North Carolina, December 1903. He flew 120 feet, lasting 12 seconds. As the day went on, both brothers had flights which lasted for increasingly longer periods of time. In November 1904, using a newly designed craft named Flyer II, Wilbur took to the skies. This flight lasted for over 5 minutes.



5. Using the text above, put these sentences in order, numbering them from 1 to 5. One has been done for you.

- They also learned how to make lightweight engines.
- Their father bought them a toy 'helicopter', which flew.  1
- Orville made the first flight in North Carolina, December 1903.
- He flew 120 feet, lasting 12 seconds.
- As they grew older, they learned how to make efficient propellers

6. Draw three lines to show the correct years these facts happened.

1939	first flight of a hot-air balloon
1957	first airliner flight (with passengers)
1783	first flight of a helicopter

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Orville and Wilbur Wright

The Wright brothers' father

Wilbur Wright

2 2 marks

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3 1 mark

Huge

4 3 marks

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5 4 marks

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