

# AVIATION DAY

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Aviation Day is on August the 19th. It is a day to celebrate the development and importance of aviation in the world. The holiday started in 1939. President Franklin Roosevelt decided the anniversary of Orville Wright's birthday should be National Aviation Day in the U.S.A. Wright was one of the brothers who made the first ever flight. President Roosevelt invited "the people of the United States to observe National Aviation Day with appropriate exercises to further stimulate interest in aviation". Today, this means educational workshops in schools learning about the history of aviation. It is also a good time for airlines to try and get students interested in a career in aviation, either as a pilot or a member of the ground crew.

Orville Wright piloted the world's first airplane, the Wright Flyer. He and his brother Wilbur built an airplane with controls that enabled them to steer. Orville's historic flight took place on December the 17th, 1903. The flight lasted just 12 seconds. In that short time, he flew a total of 120 feet, 40 metres. The Wright brothers were bicycle engineers who believed man could fly. They believed the secret to what was called "the flying problem" was not more powerful engines, but better aerodynamics. They knew that if a bicycle could remain upright while moving forwards, an airplane could fly in a straight line. Their wing and propeller design changed the world forever.

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. celebrate the development and   | a. career in aviation     |
| 2. the brothers who made the first | b. interest in aviation   |
| 3. further stimulate               | c. ground crew            |
| 4. educational workshops           | d. importance of aviation |
| 5. get students interested in a    | e. in schools             |
| 6. a member of the                 | f. ever flight            |

### Paragraph 2

- |                                       |                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Orville Wright piloted the world's | a. man could fly             |
| 2. Wilbur built an airplane           | b. changed the world forever |
| 3. The flight lasted                  | c. aerodynamics              |
| 4. bicycle engineers who believed     | d. first airplane            |
| 5. better                             | e. with controls             |
| 6. Their wing and propeller design    | f. just 12 seconds           |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

Aviation Day is on August the 19th. It \_\_\_\_\_ the development and importance of aviation in the world. The holiday started in 1939. President Franklin Roosevelt \_\_\_\_\_ of Orville Wright's birthday should be National Aviation Day in the U.S.A. Wright was one of the brothers who \_\_\_\_\_ flight. President Roosevelt invited "the people of the United States to observe National Aviation Day with appropriate exercises \_\_\_\_\_ interest in aviation". Today, this means educational workshops in schools learning about the history of aviation. It \_\_\_\_\_ airlines to try and get students interested in a career in aviation, \_\_\_\_\_ member of the ground crew.

Orville Wright \_\_\_\_\_ first airplane, the Wright Flyer. He and his brother Wilbur built an airplane with controls that \_\_\_\_\_. Orville's historic flight took place on December the 17th, 1903. The \_\_\_\_\_ seconds. In that short time, he flew a total of 120 feet, 40 metres. The Wright brothers were bicycle engineers who \_\_\_\_\_ fly. They believed the secret to what was called "the flying problem" was not more powerful engines, but \_\_\_\_\_. They knew that if a bicycle could remain upright while moving forwards, an airplane could fly in a straight line. Their \_\_\_\_\_ design changed the world forever.

## WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

**Put the words into the gaps in the text.**

Aviation Day is on August the 19th. It is a day to celebrate the development and \_\_\_\_\_ of aviation in the world. The holiday started in 1939. President Franklin Roosevelt decided the anniversary of Orville Wright's \_\_\_\_\_ should be National Aviation Day in the U.S.A. Wright was one of the brothers who made the first ever \_\_\_\_\_. President Roosevelt invited "the people of the United States to \_\_\_\_\_ National Aviation Day with appropriate exercises to further \_\_\_\_\_ interest in aviation". Today, this means educational workshops in schools learning about the \_\_\_\_\_ of aviation. It is also a good time for airlines to try and get students interested in a \_\_\_\_\_ in aviation, either as a pilot or a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ crew.

*stimulate*  
*career*  
*birthday*  
*observe*  
*importance*  
*history*  
*ground*  
*flight*

Orville Wright \_\_\_\_\_ the world's first airplane, the Wright Flyer. He and his brother Wilbur built an airplane with \_\_\_\_\_ that enabled them to steer. Orville's historic flight took place on December the 17th, 1903. The flight \_\_\_\_\_ just 12 seconds. In that short time, he flew a total of 120 feet, 40 metres. The Wright brothers were bicycle engineers who \_\_\_\_\_ man could fly. They believed the \_\_\_\_\_ to what was called "the flying problem" was not more \_\_\_\_\_ engines, but better aerodynamics. They knew that if a bicycle could remain upright while moving \_\_\_\_\_, an airplane could fly in a straight line. Their wing and propeller \_\_\_\_\_ changed the world forever.

*secret*  
*controls*  
*believed*  
*forwards*  
*piloted*  
*design*  
*lasted*  
*powerful*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

Aviation Day is on August the 19th. It is a day to *celebration / celebrate* the development and importance of aviation in the world. The holiday *started / starts* in 1939. President Franklin Roosevelt decided the anniversary of Orville Wright's birthday should be National Aviation Day in the U.S.A. Wright was one of the *brothers / brother* who made the first ever flight. President Roosevelt *invited / inviting* "the people of the United States to observe National Aviation Day with appropriate *exercise / exercises* to further stimulate interest in aviation". Today, this means educational workshops in schools learning about the history of aviation. It is also a good time *by / for* airlines to try and get students interested in a career in aviation, either as a pilot or a member of the *groundless / ground* crew.

Orville Wright *piloted / plotted* the world's first airplane, the Wright Flyer. He and his brother Wilbur built an airplane with controls that enabled them to *steering / steer*. Orville's historic flight took place on December the 17th, 1903. The flight *lasted / lasts* just 12 seconds. In that *shorten / short* time, he flew a total of 120 feet, 40 metres. The Wright brothers were bicycle engineers who *believers / believed* man could fly. They believed the secret to what was called "the flying problem" was not more *powerfully / powerful* engines, but better aerodynamics. They knew that if a bicycle could remain *uptight/ upright* while moving forwards, an airplane could fly in a straight line. Their wing and propeller *design / designer* changed the world forever.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

Aviation Day is on August the 19th. It is a day (1) \_\_\_\_\_ celebrate the development and importance of aviation in the world. The holiday started in 1939. President Franklin Roosevelt (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the anniversary of Orville Wright's birthday should be National Aviation Day in the U.S.A. Wright was one of the brothers who made the first ever (3) \_\_\_\_\_. President Roosevelt invited "the people of the United States to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ National Aviation Day with appropriate exercises to further (5) \_\_\_\_\_ interest in aviation". Today, this means educational workshops in schools learning about the history of aviation. It is also a good time for airlines to try and get students interested (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a career in aviation, either as a pilot or a member of the ground crew.

Orville Wright (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the world's first airplane, the Wright Flyer. He and his brother Wilbur built an airplane with controls that enabled them to steer. Orville's historic flight (8) \_\_\_\_\_ place on December the 17th, 1903. The flight (9) \_\_\_\_\_ just 12 seconds. In that short time, he flew a total of 120 feet, 40 metres. The Wright brothers were bicycle engineers who believed man could fly. They believed the secret (10) \_\_\_\_\_ what was called "the flying problem" was not more powerful engines, but better aerodynamics. They knew that if a bicycle could remain (11) \_\_\_\_\_ while moving forwards, an airplane could fly in a straight line. Their wing and propeller (12) \_\_\_\_\_ changed the world forever.

### Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |                 |               |                |                |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) for         | (b) of        | (c) to         | (d) at         |
| 2.  | (a) decided     | (b) decider   | (c) decision   | (d) decide     |
| 3.  | (a) flew        | (b) flying    | (c) fly        | (d) flight     |
| 4.  | (a) observer    | (b) observed  | (c) observe    | (d) observes   |
| 5.  | (a) stimulation | (b) stimulate | (c) stimulates | (d) stimulated |
| 6.  | (a) in          | (b) on        | (c) of         | (d) at         |
| 7.  | (a) pilot       | (b) piloted   | (c) pilots     | (d) piloting   |
| 8.  | (a) did         | (b) was       | (c) took       | (d) had        |
| 9.  | (a) fasted      | (b) hasted    | (c) wasted     | (d) lasted     |
| 10. | (a) by          | (b) to        | (c) on         | (d) as         |
| 11. | (a) upright     | (b) uptight   | (c) downright  | (d) right      |
| 12. | (a) designed    | (b) designing | (c) designer   | (d) design     |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. celebrate the development and etacmiropn of aviation
2. the first ever ghltif
3. stimulate tterines in aviation
4. educational ophrwoaks in schools
5. get students interested in a reaerc in aviation
6. a eebmrn of the ground crew

### Paragraph 2

7. Orville Wright leiotp the world's first airplane
8. Wilbur built an airplane with rcolston
9. The flight eadtsl just 12 seconds
10. The Wright brothers were bicycle inesrgeen
11. more wulfpoer engines
12. changed the world rfovere



## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) appropriate exercises to further stimulate interest in aviation". Today, this means educational workshops
- ( ) that enabled them to steer. Orville's historic flight took place on December the 17th, 1903. The flight lasted just 12
- ( **1** ) Aviation Day is on August the 19th. It is a day to celebrate the development and importance of aviation
- ( ) seconds. In that short time, he flew a total of 120 feet, 40 metres. The Wright brothers were bicycle
- ( ) flight. President Roosevelt invited "the people of the United States to observe National Aviation Day with
- ( ) Orville Wright piloted the world's first airplane, the Wright Flyer. He and his brother Wilbur built an airplane with controls
- ( ) students interested in a career in aviation, either as a pilot or a member of the ground crew.
- ( ) could remain upright while moving forwards, an airplane could fly in a straight
- ( ) in the world. The holiday started in 1939. President Franklin Roosevelt decided the anniversary of Orville Wright's
- ( ) birthday should be National Aviation Day in the U.S.A. Wright was one of the brothers who made the first ever
- ( ) problem" was not more powerful engines, but better aerodynamics. They knew that if a bicycle
- ( ) line. Their wing and propeller design changed the world forever.
- ( ) in schools learning about the history of aviation. It is also a good time for airlines to try and get
- ( ) engineers who believed man could fly. They believed the secret to what was called "the flying

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. the a development day to It celebrate is.

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2. ever who flight made the The first brothers.

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3. interest stimulate further to Exercises aviation in.

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4. in Educational schools workshops.

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5. aviation in a Get career students in interested.

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6. world's the piloted Wright Orville airplane first.

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7. controls Wilbur an with built airplane.

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8. just seconds The lasted 12 flight.

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9. Tthe called secret the to flying what problem was

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10. airplane straight could line fly in An a.

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**DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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**DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# THE AVIATION DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Aviation Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

**WRITING**

**Write about Aviation Day for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.**

Horizontal lines for writing.

## HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find more information about Aviation Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Aviation Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. POSTER:** Make your own poster about Aviation Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.