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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
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Put the correct words from this table into the article.

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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.

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

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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. ____________________________________________

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

4. ____________________________________________

5. ____________________________________________

6. ____________________________________________
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.

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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.

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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 what 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.