

Title: First in Flight: The Wright Brothers

Word Study

A. Fill in the blanks using the words.

toy	engine	gliders	curious
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1.



The Wright brothers were curious about the world.

2.



Their father gave them a new toy.

3.



The Wright brothers could sit in their gliders to fly.

4.



They wanted to give their glider an engine.

Reading Comprehension

B. Circle Yes or No.

1.



The brothers sold kites at school.

Yes

No

2.



The gliders were big kites.

Yes

No

3.



They thought the gliders needed smaller wings.

Yes

No

4.



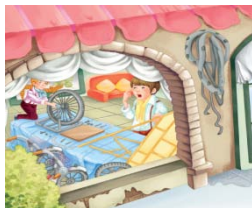
They flipped a coin to see who could fly the plane.

Yes

No

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Where did the brothers learn about machines?



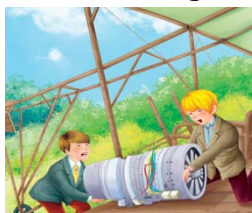
a. At school

b. At their bicycle shop

c. From their father

d. All of the above

2. What was wrong with the first engine?



a. It didn't work.

b. It was too small.

c. It was too heavy.

d. It did not fit on the plane.

3. What was the last thing the Wright brothers added to their glider?



a. Wings

b. A steering wheel

c. An engine

d. A coin

4. What happened when their plane crashed?



- a. Wilbur got hurt.
- b. They gave up flying.
- c. They started all over.
- d. They fixed the plane.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

kites	control	crashed	steering wheel
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The Wright brothers loved to study flying. They wanted to be the first in flight. At school, they sold 1) kites. They made a big kite they could sit on. They called it a glider. It had wings, but it didn't fly very well. They thought it took more 2) control to fly it well. They made a bigger glider. They gave it bigger wings and an engine for power. It was now an airplane! They added a 3) steering wheel. They went up a hill for a test flight. The plane went fast, but Wilbur 4) crashed it. The Wright brothers saved the plane and fixed it. Two days later, they tried to fly it again. They flipped a coin to see who would fly it. Orville won! He flew the plane. It was a short flight, but it worked! The Wright brothers became famous for being the first in flight!