

First in Flight: The Wright Brothers

Rainbow Readers R3

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Step 1. Key Words

Read the words and write the meaning of the words in your mother tongue.

flight n. the act of flying _____

They wanted to be the first in flight.

sell v. to give something in exchange for money _____

kite n. a toy attached to a string and flown on windy days _____

bicycle n. a vehicle with two wheels that you ride by pushing the pedals with your feet _____

glider n. a flying machine with no engine _____

The Wright brothers could fly on the gliders for a short time.

wing n. the part of a plane that sticks out from the side to aid in flying _____

winner n. someone who wins a game or race and gets a prize _____

power v. to provide energy to operate something _____

Next, they needed an engine to power the glider.

steering wheel n. the circular part of a vehicle that is used by the driver to turn the vehicle _____

history n. the past events of the world _____

They flew the first plane in history.

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Step 2. Comprehension Questions

Circle (θ) Yes or No.

1.

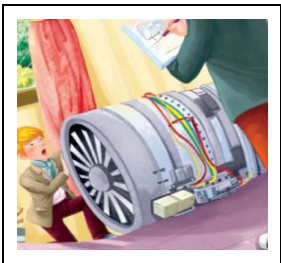


They made wings and a steering wheel.

Yes

No

2.



They did not make an engine.

Yes

No

3.



They were the first in flight!

Yes

No

4.



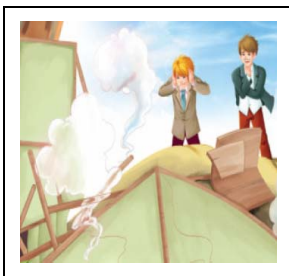
At school, the brothers sold bicycles.

Yes

No

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5.



The Wright brothers gave up when their plane did not fly well.

Yes

No

Step 3. Summary

Complete the summary of the story.

shop

history

toy

sold

gliders

engine

The Wright brothers wanted to know everything about the world. They really loved to study and learn about flying. Their father gave them a **(1)** _____ plane. They loved it! They loved all flying things. At school, they **(2)** _____ kites. They studied about birds and flying every day. They made bicycles and kites in their bicycle **(3)** _____. They called the big kites **(4)** _____. They had wings, but they did not fly very well. The brothers built bigger wings. They added an **(5)** _____. Then, they built a steering wheel. After many tries, their plane flew! They were the first people in **(6)** _____ to fly a plane.