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Here are some things that fly.

an airship



a plane



a seaplane



a jumbo jet



a helicopter





What's that in the sky? It's not a bird. It's flying so high! Can this paper plane fly that high? What about kites and hot-air balloons? Let's look at other things that can fly.



Hundreds of years ago, before we had balloons or planes, people flew kites. Chinese people made the first kites. You can see kites in the sky on windy days. Can you fly a kite?



Do you know that hot air goes up?
If you put hot air in a balloon, it
goes up, too.
Look at these balloons. Can you
see people in the baskets under the
balloons? It's a fun way to fly.



This is not a hot-air balloon, it's an
airship. The first airship flew in
1900. Airships had engines, so they
flew faster than hot-air balloons.
The biggest airships flew from
Europe to America.



The first planes looked like this. They only carried one person. The Wright brothers flew the first plane in 1903. They didn't fly very far, but today we can fly all around the world in planes.



Today we use aircraft for many different things. We use them for travel, we use them for work, and we use them for fun. This plane is landing on the water. It can take people where cars can't go.



This is a hardworking plane. It can carry four hundred people halfway around the world without stopping. It's called a jumbo jet because it's so big. It needs a lot of space to take off and land.



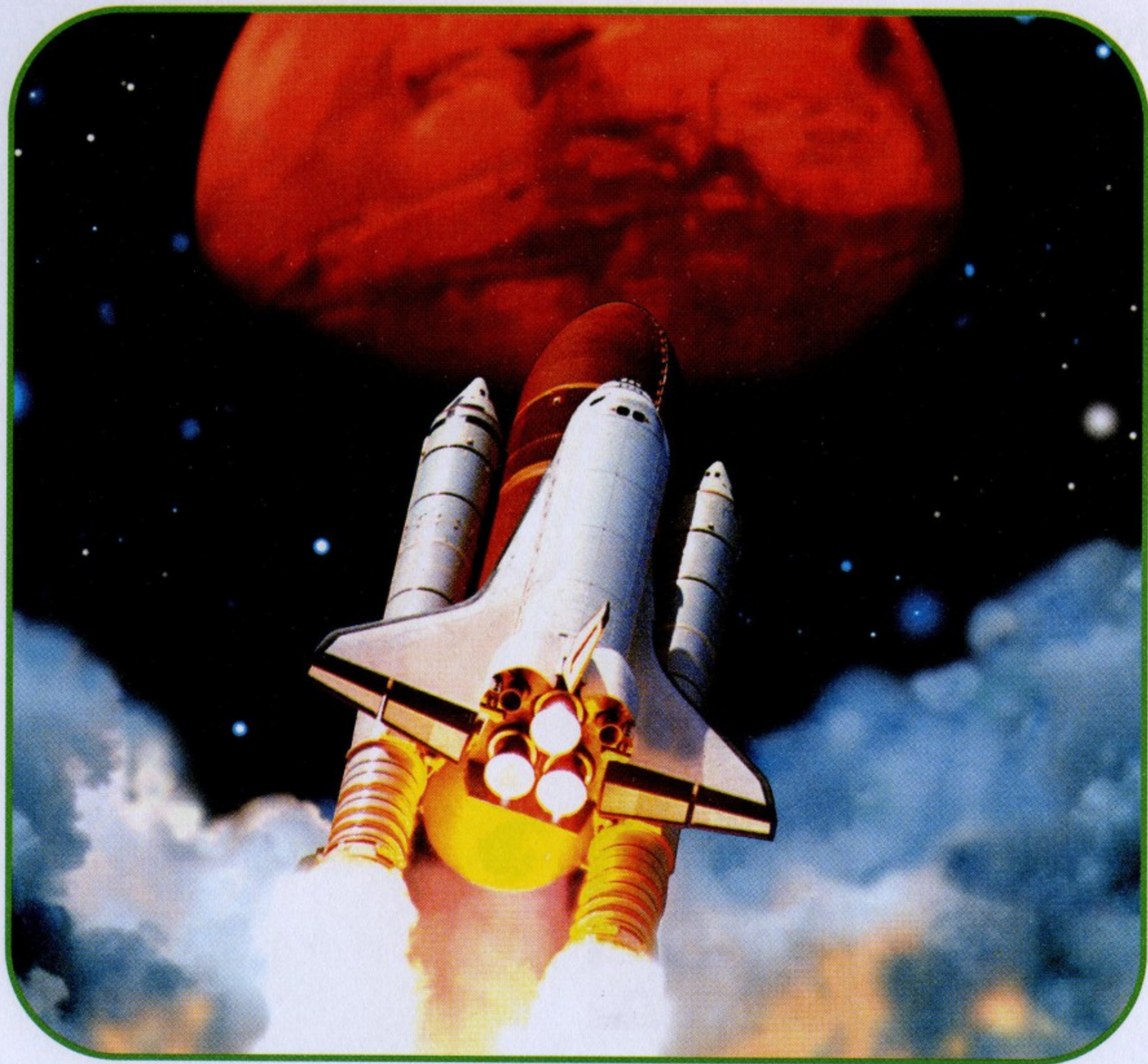
Helicopters are amazing. They can take off and land in a very small space. They can go straight up and come straight down. They can also hover. This helicopter is lifting a man out of the water.



To really fly like a bird you need to use a hang-glider. It's light like a kite, and it has wings like a bird. It doesn't need an engine. It uses the wind to help it glide through the air.



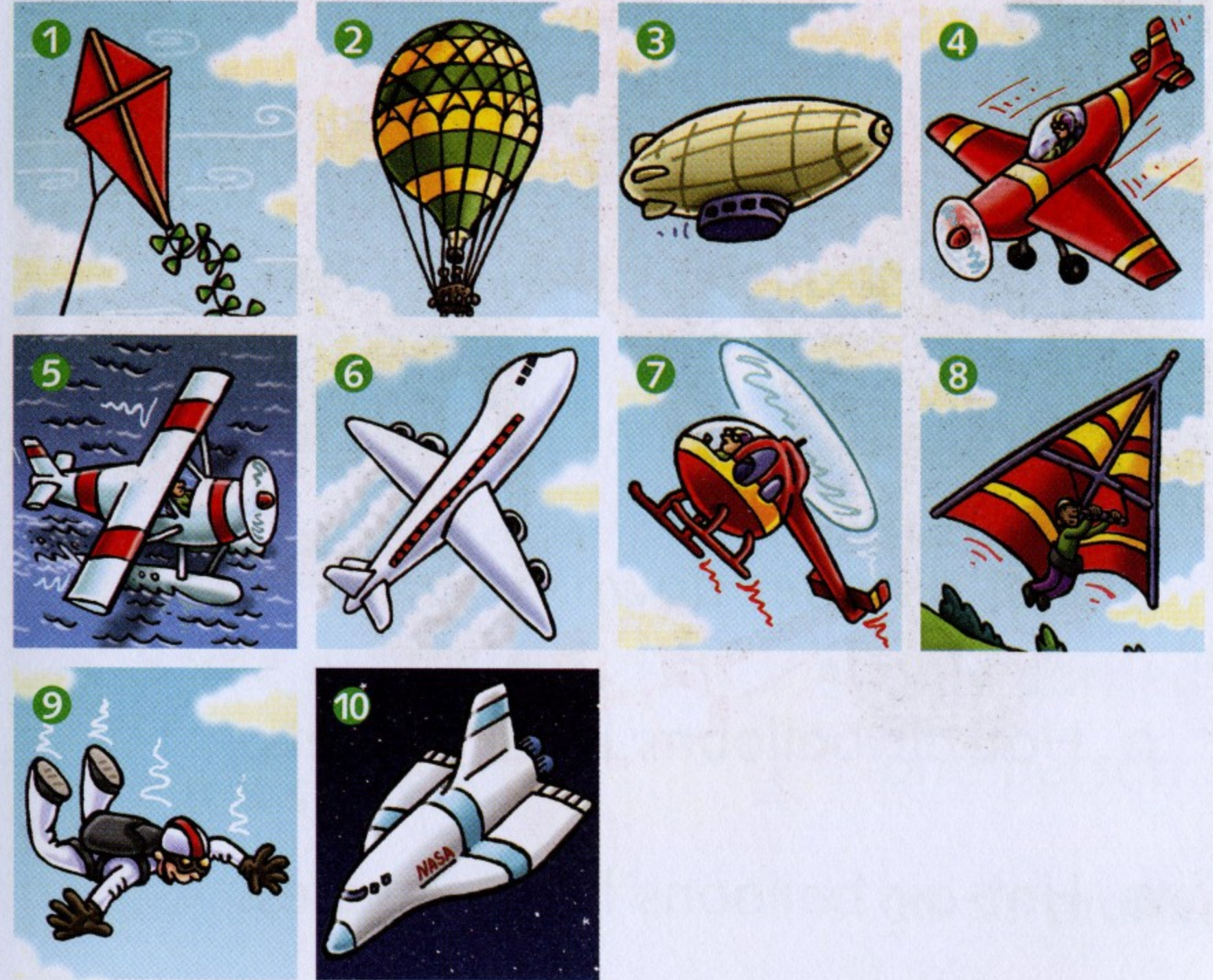
These skydivers go up in a plane. They all jump out together with parachutes in their backpacks. They make shapes with their bodies in the sky. Then they open their parachutes and glide down gently.



One day, perhaps, people will fly to Mars and back in a spacecraft just like this.

How do you like to fly? By hot-air balloon, helicopter, hang-glider, or jumbo jet? Which do you choose?

Number.

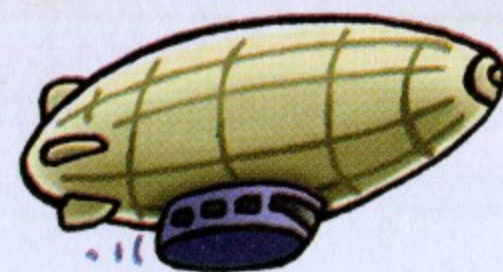
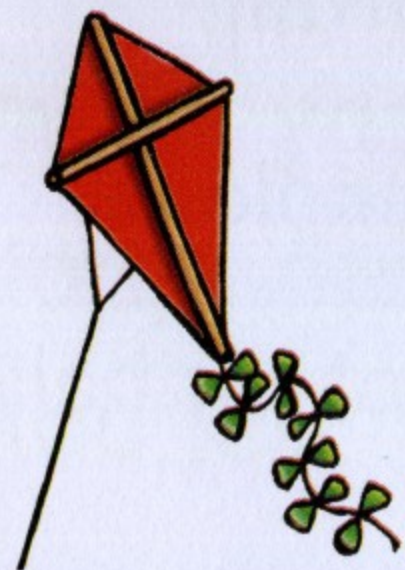


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|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| ☒ | plane | ☐ | jumbo jet |
| ☐ | hang-glider | ☐ | kite |
| ☐ | spacecraft | ☐ | airship |
| ☐ | helicopter | ☐ | seaplane |
| ☐ | skydiver | ☐ | hot-air balloon |

Read pages 2–5 again.

Tick ✓ or cross ✗.

- ① Windy days are good for kites.
- ② The first airships flew in 1990.
- ③ People had planes before kites.
- ④ Hot air goes down.
- ⑤ Hot-air balloons have baskets.
- ⑥ Hot-air balloons have engines.
- ⑦ Airships are faster than balloons.
- ⑧ The Chinese made the first balloons.

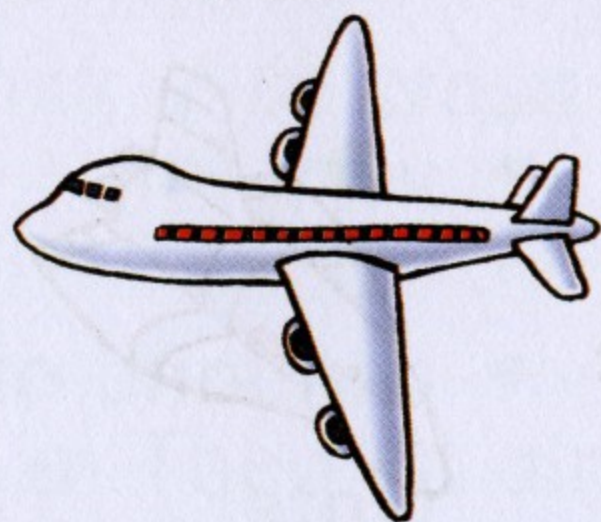


Read pages 6 and 7 again. Match.

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| ① The Wright brothers | • very far. |
| ② The first planes | • can land on water. |
| ③ They didn't fly | • flew the first plane. |
| ④ We use planes | • only carried one person. |
| ⑤ Some planes | • go to many places. |
| ⑥ Planes can | • for travel, work, and fun. |



Read pages 8 and 9 again. Write.



space take off
~~carry~~ land
people

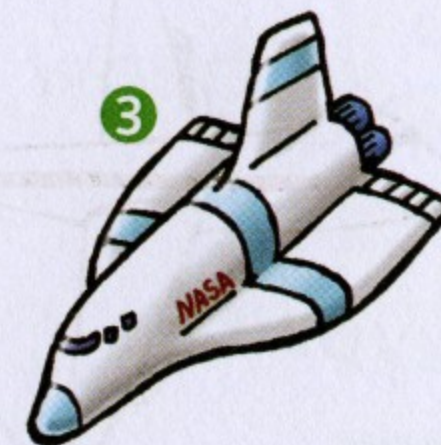
A jumbo jet can carry four hundred
_____. It needs a lot of _____
to _____ and _____.

hover land
space take off
lift



Helicopters can _____ and _____
in a small _____. They can also
_____ and _____ things.

Read pages 10–12 again. Number.



① They make shapes in the sky.

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② It doesn't have an engine.

③ One day it will fly to Mars.

④ They glide down gently.

⑤ It is light like a kite.

⑥ It uses the wind to help it glide.

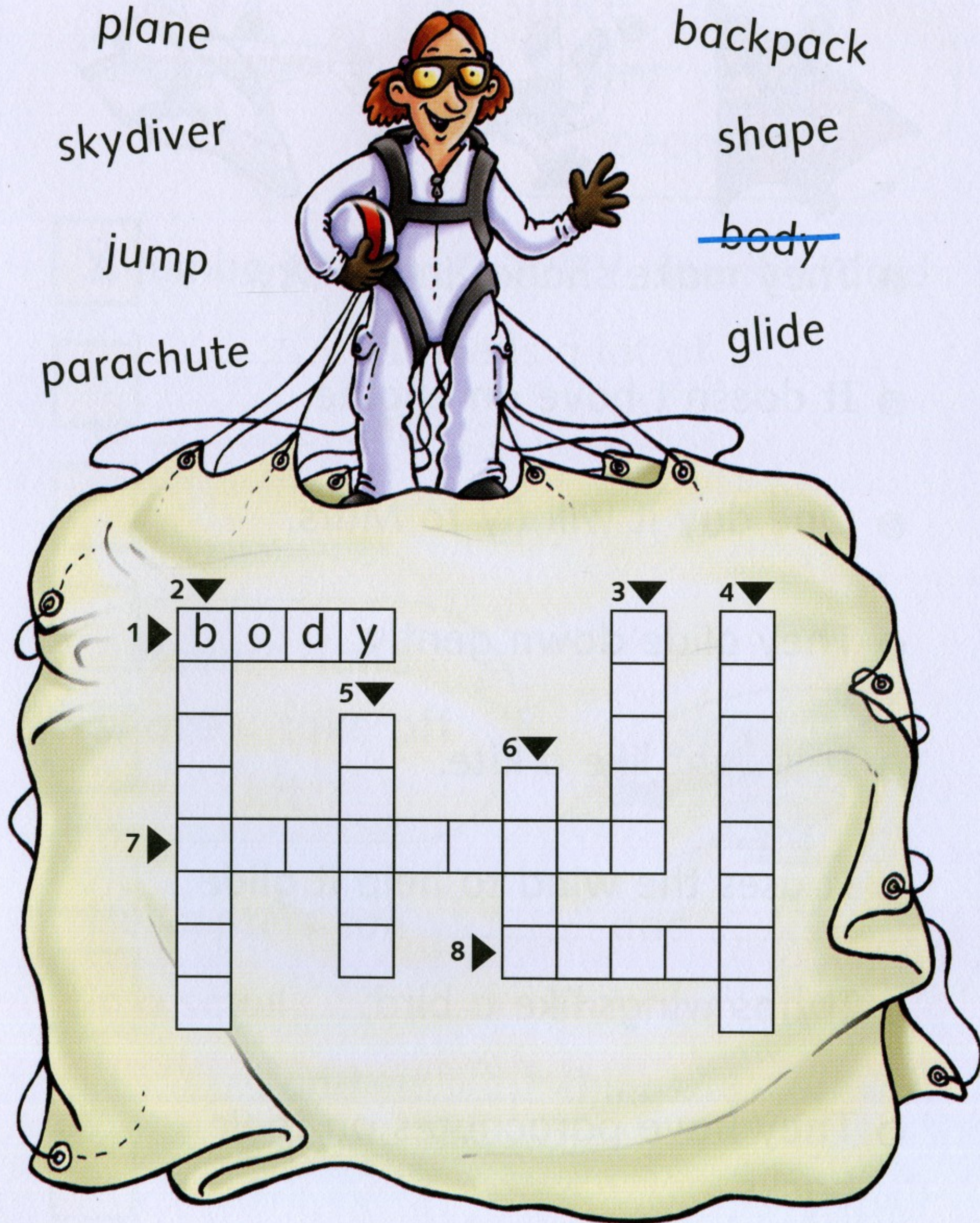
⑦ It has wings like a bird.

⑧ They have parachutes on their backs.

After reading. Look and write.

plane
skydiver
jump
parachute

backpack
shape
~~body~~
glide

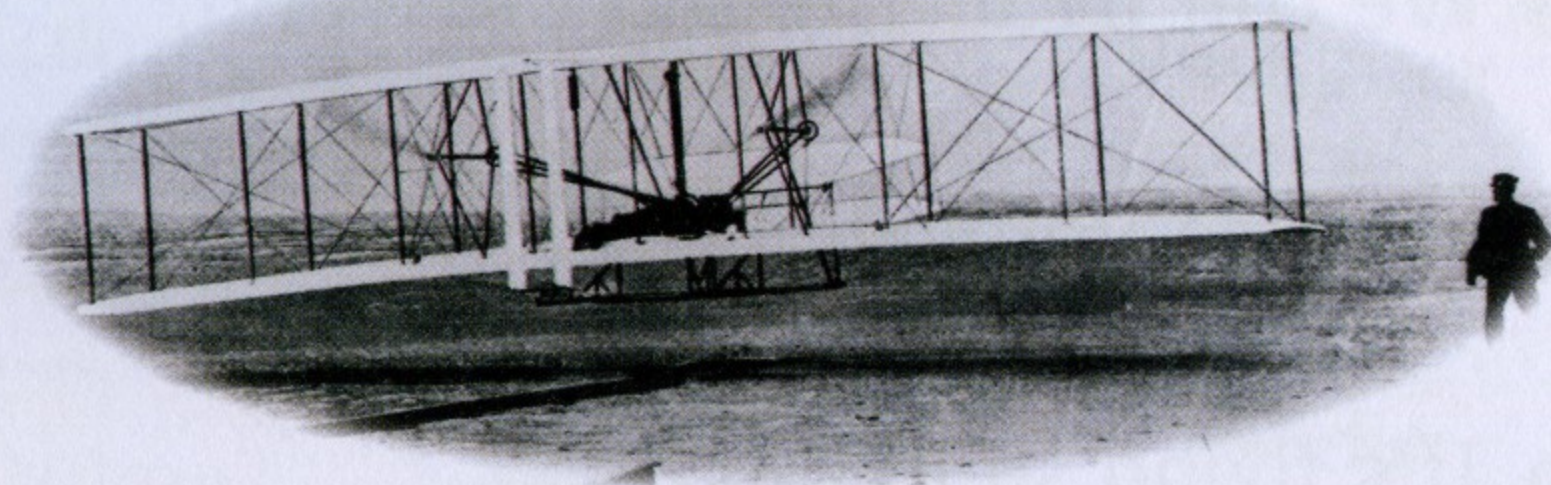


After reading. What page?

- ① We can fly all around the world.
- ② How do you like to fly?
- ③ It's flying so high.
- ④ It's a fun way to fly.
- ⑤ Can you fly a kite?
- ⑥ This is a hardworking plane.
- ⑦ What's that in the sky?
- ⑧ You need this to fly like a bird.
- ⑨ The first planes looked like this.
- ⑩ They can go straight up and down.

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Read and answer.



Do you know about Orville and Wilbur Wright? They were brothers and they became famous. They flew the first plane on Thursday, 17 December 1903, at a place called Kitty Hawk in the USA. It was a windy day and they flew the plane for 12 seconds, for a distance of 36.5 metres.

Who?

Orville and Wilbur Wright.

When? _____

Where? _____

How long? _____

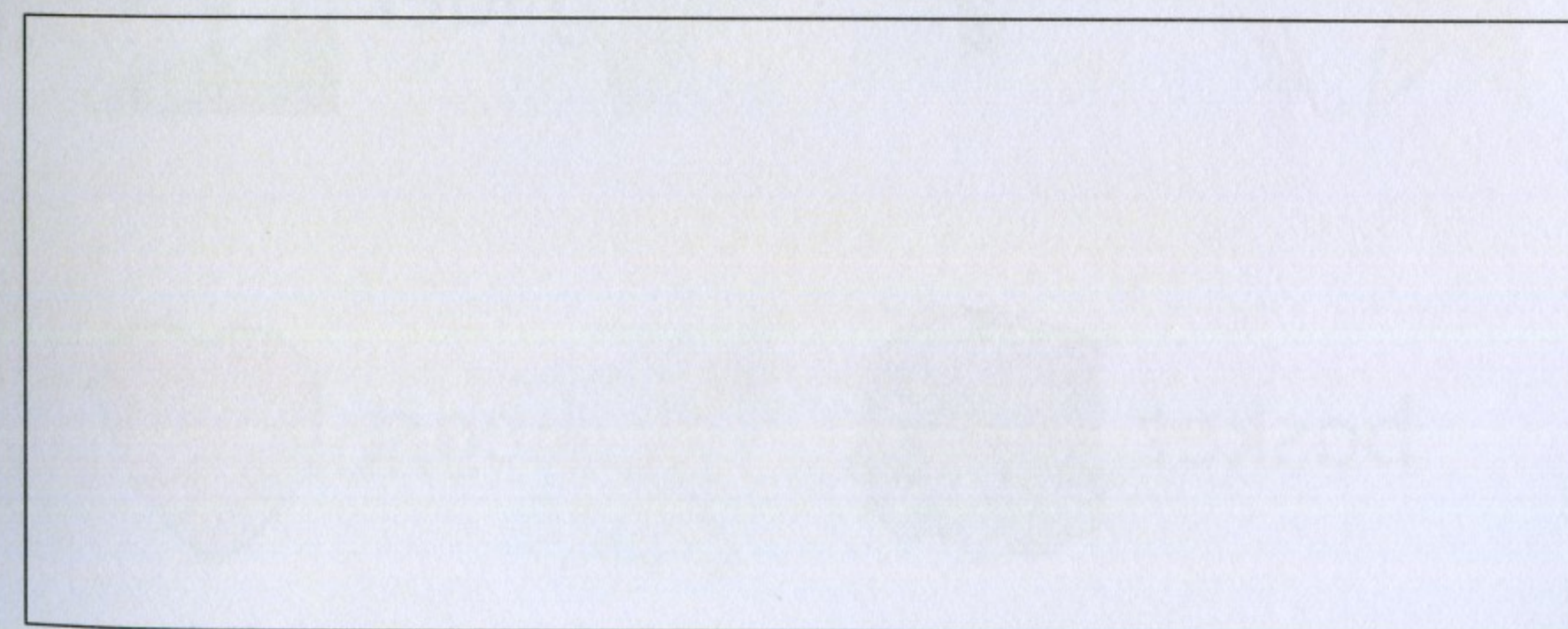
How far? _____

Look at the kites. Match.



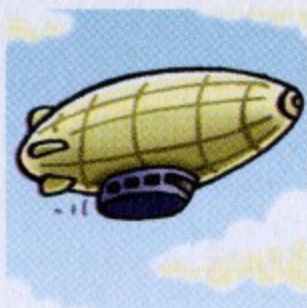
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|---------|------------|----------|
| one • | • green • | • dragon |
| two • | • purple • | • stars |
| one • | • orange • | • bat |
| three • | • yellow • | • heart |
| one • | • red • | • fish |

Draw two new kites.



Picture Dictionary

airship



bat



backpack



dragon



balloon



hang-
glider



basket



heart



helicopter



seaplane



jumbo jet



skydiver



kite



spacecraft



parachute



star



plane



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