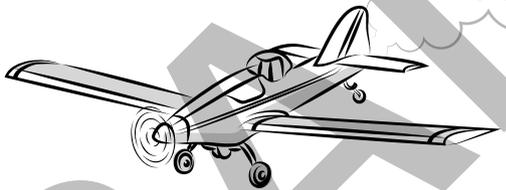


A Day Out Flying

Georgina and John were in the back of their dad's car on the way to Rochester airport. Their dog, Bernie, was in the boot, slobbering all over the back seat. The children hadn't even realized there was an airport in their home town but their father explained that it wasn't like Gatwick or Heathrow, it was much smaller and was home to many private jet companies who took people on pleasure flights over Kent. He had won a raffle at the school fete and the three of them were to be treated to a thirty-minute flight.

When they arrived at the depot, a man called Frank greeted them and took them to the office to sign some paperwork. The plane they were to board was an EC 120 with a maximum speed of 150 km. Frank explained it could fly for as long as 4 hours and 56 minutes and had a range of 416 nautical miles. Their mother was busy at work, so it was just the three of them (four including the pilot) which would leave one spare seat in the back.



They were a little late so Frank, who was also their pilot for the day, was keen to get them up into the sky. Georgina and John followed Frank eagerly to the jet. The engines were already running and the noise was deafening. Their father, who was lagging behind somewhat, called out to them, "You go ahead, I'm going to wait for you here."

"Aren't you coming?" John shouted in reply.

"No, no, someone needs to watch the dog."

Georgina and John looked at each other, a little disappointed. They guessed their dad was scared of flying. It seemed his mind was made up, so without any delay they jumped into the jet.

They were allowed to sit right at the front next to the pilot, where they could see all the dials and switches. Frank turned the plane carefully and they headed towards the runway. The children waved excitedly to their father, and before they knew it, the plane had accelerated along the runway and was in the air!

It was still very noisy as the plane ascended, but as it levelled out the engine became much calmer. Frank turned to John and asked if he wanted to hold the control stick which was called the "steering yoke". He looked a little worried so Georgina said she would have a go. She took the yoke and held it carefully. "Wow, I'm actually flying a plane!" she exclaimed. Then the pilot did something neither of them expected: he opened

Questions 12-25 are about 'A Day Out Flying'

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12. What is the name given to the sort of flights people can take from Rochester airport?



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13. Why do you think they are called '*pleasure*' flights?



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14. Where did Georgina and John's father win the flight?



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15. What is Frank's occupation?



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7. Match these words with the correct definitions.

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Conceal

Argue

Quarrel

Move

Shift

Worried

Anxious

Cover

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8. Rewrite these words as **contractions** using an **apostrophe**.



Could not _____

I will _____

Can not _____

We will _____

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9. Connect the correct **prefix** to each word to give the words a new meaning.



Un

armed

Dis

curable

In

advantage

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