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#### Introduction

NASA conducts research for aeronautics too! This Aero Adventure Activity book has been created to introduce some basic aeronautics terms for children attending kindergarten through second grade. We want them to realize that many aeronautics terms and concepts surround them every day. A variety of activities are presented to show how an alphabet letter can be related to an aeronautics concept and basic aeronautics terms. The child is invited to look at each of the letters, trace the letter, and print the letter in the space provided. We hope they enjoy doing the activities too. Answers to the activities can be found on the last few pages of this book.

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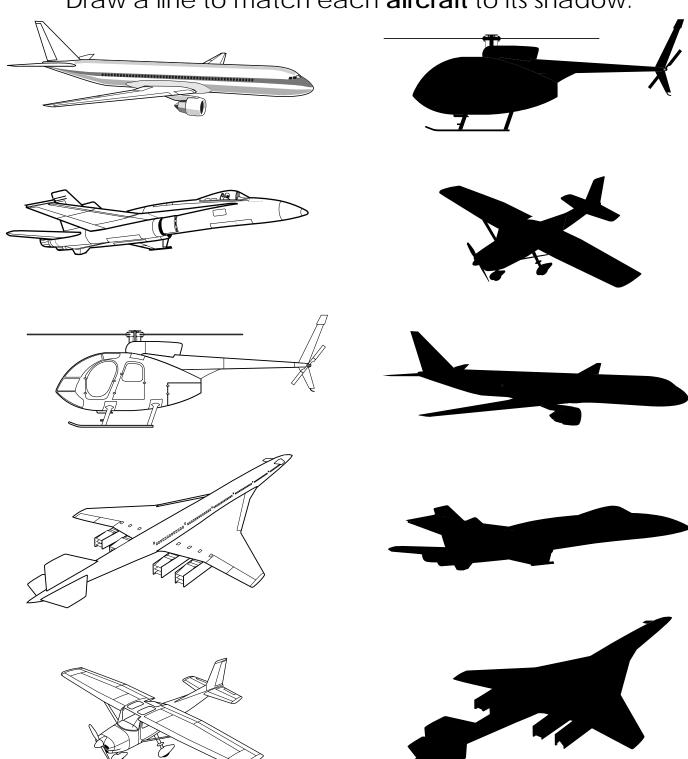
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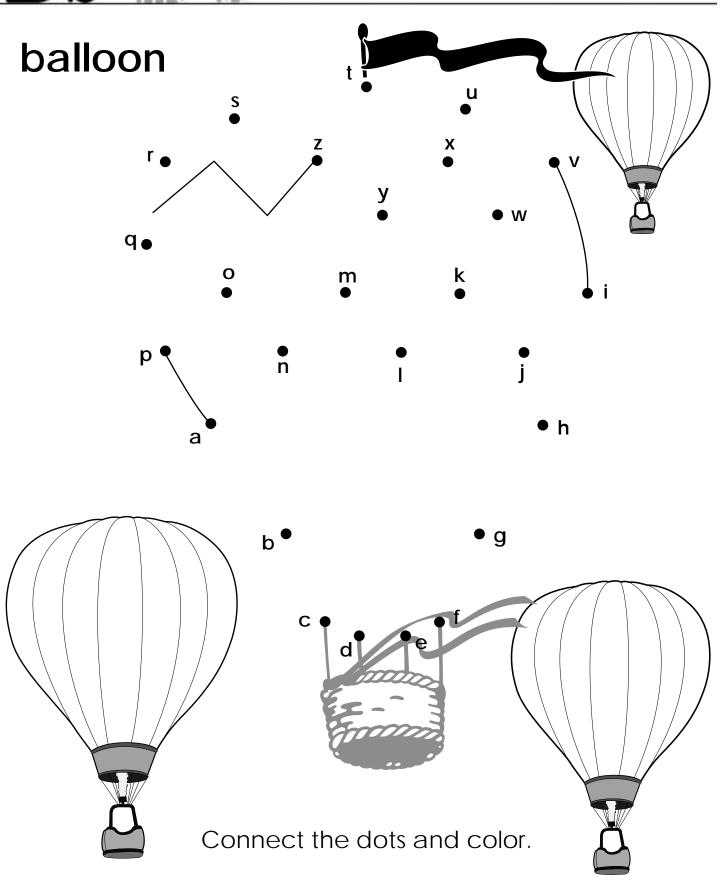


## aircraft

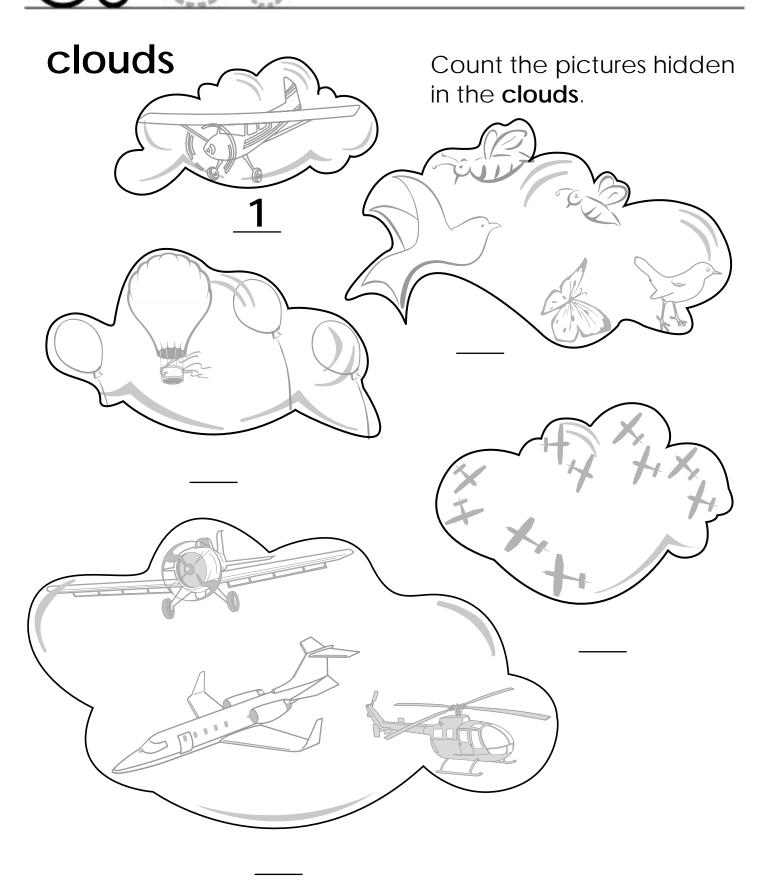
Draw a line to match each aircraft to its shadow.



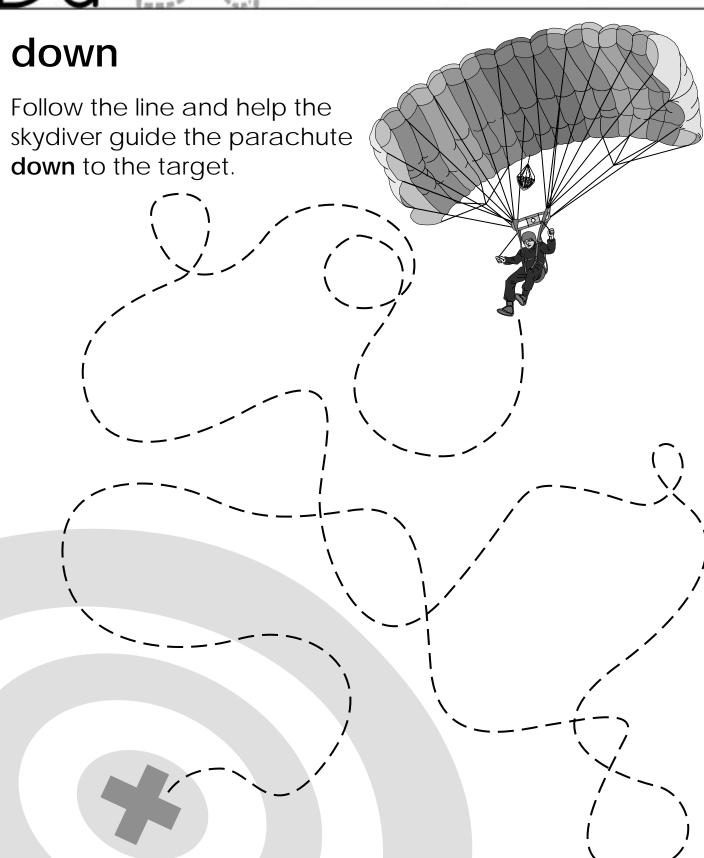
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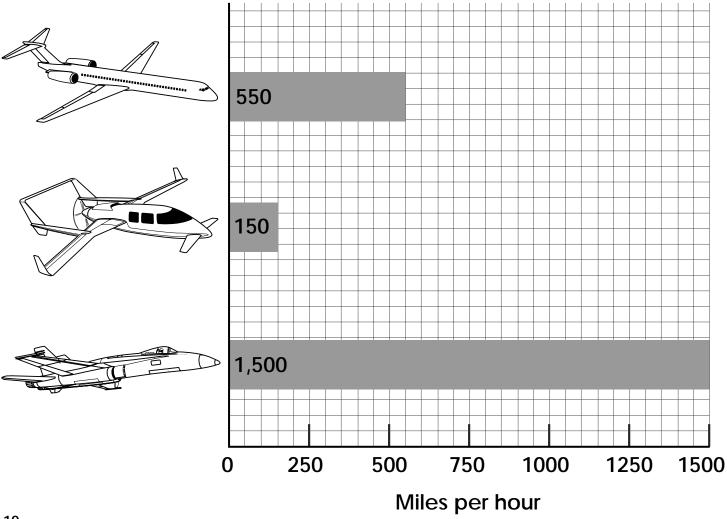


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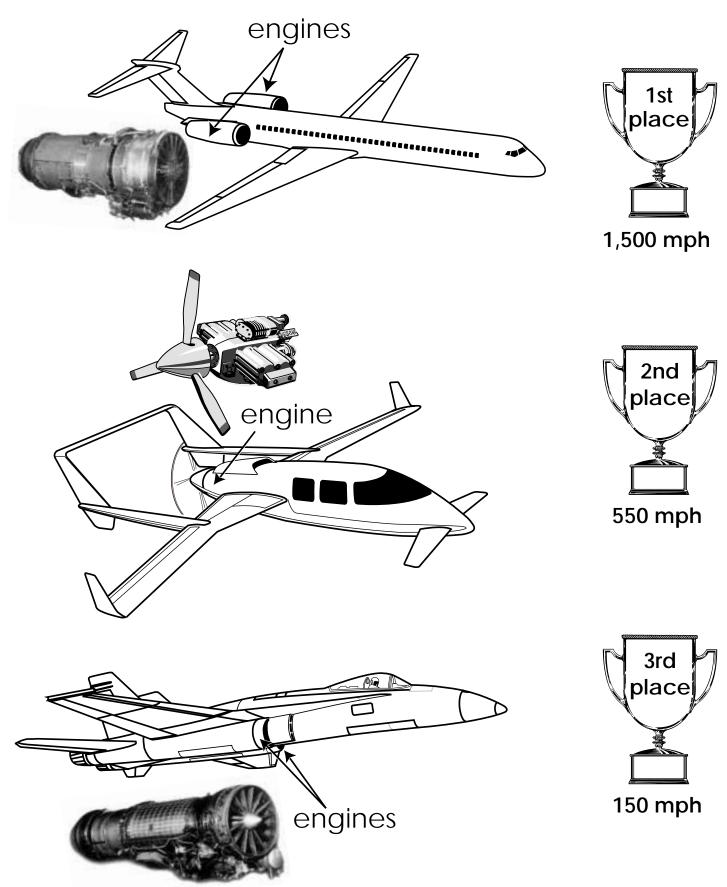
## engine

Each aircraft has a different type of **engine**. The engine moves the aircraft through the air at different speeds. A passenger jet flies through the air at 550 miles per hour. A smaller private aircraft flies through the air at 150 miles per hour. A fighter jet flies through the air at 1,500 miles per hour.

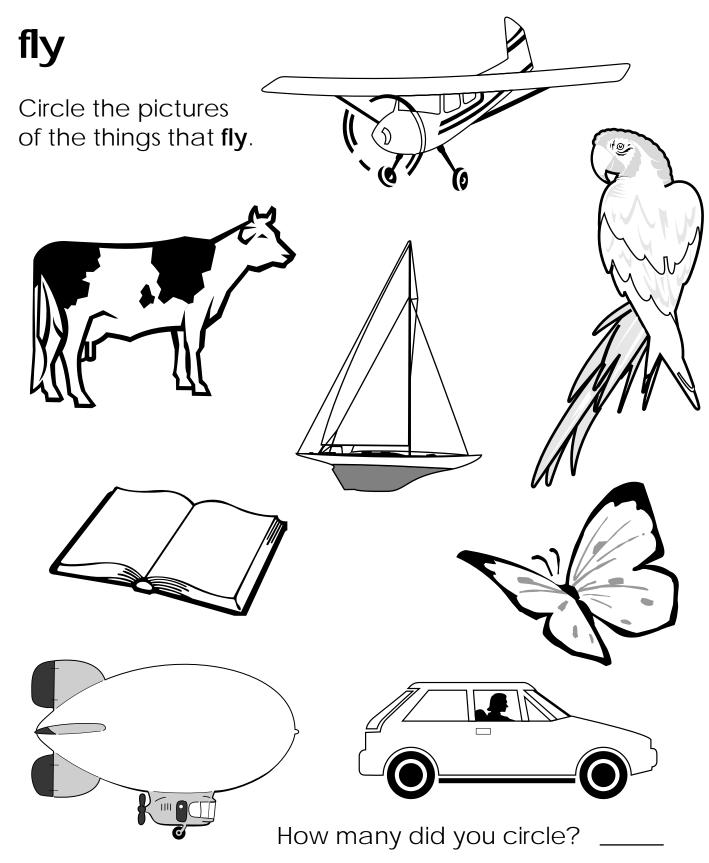
The chart below shows the speeds at which each aircraft flies. Use the graph below to complete the activity on the next page.



There was an airplane race. Draw a line from the trophy to the aircraft in the order it finished.



# Εt

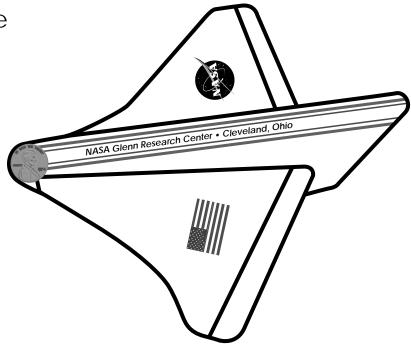




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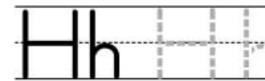
## Glenn glider

Scissors
Cellophane tape
One penny



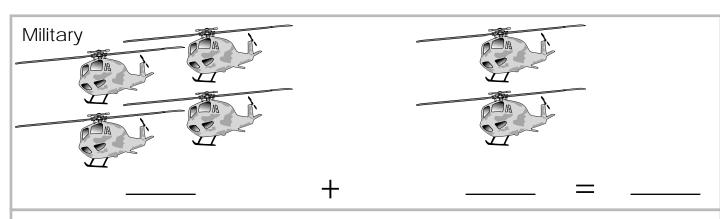
#### Instructions

- 1. Cut out the wing and fuselage patterns that can be found on the back cover of this book.
- 2. Carefully cut on the wing slot line located on the fuselage.
- 3. Slide the wing into the slot making sure that the wing center line is within the fuselage.
- 4. Tape the wing to the fuselage.
- 5. Tape the penny to the nose of the fuselage for balance.
- 6. Bend both elevons upward.
- 7. Gently toss the Glenn glider.

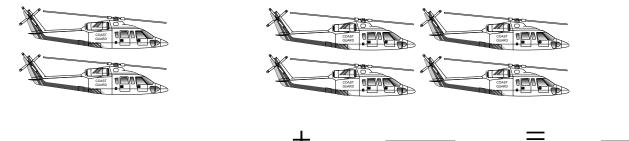


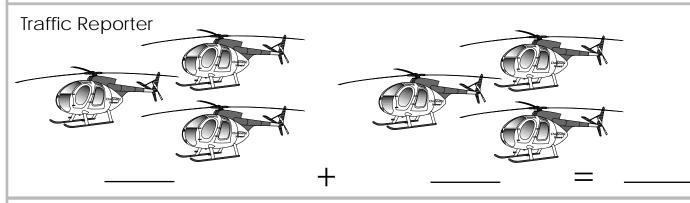
## helicopters

## Add the **helicopters** in each group.

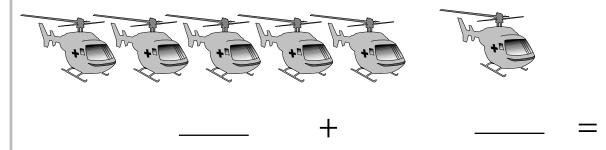


#### Coast Guard





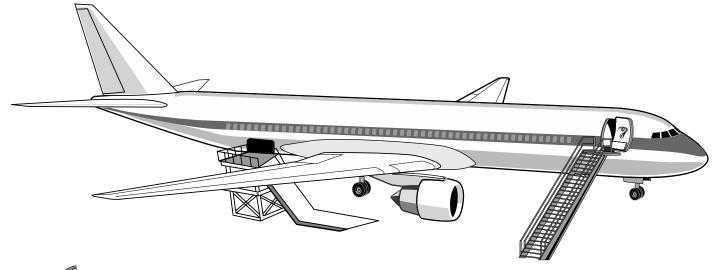
#### **Emergency Rescue**



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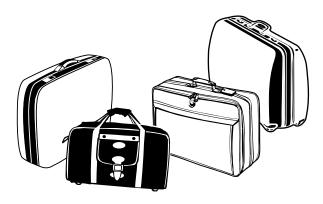
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Draw a line to where the passengers, luggage, and engine go **in**to the airplane.

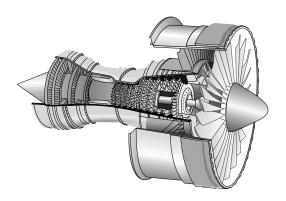




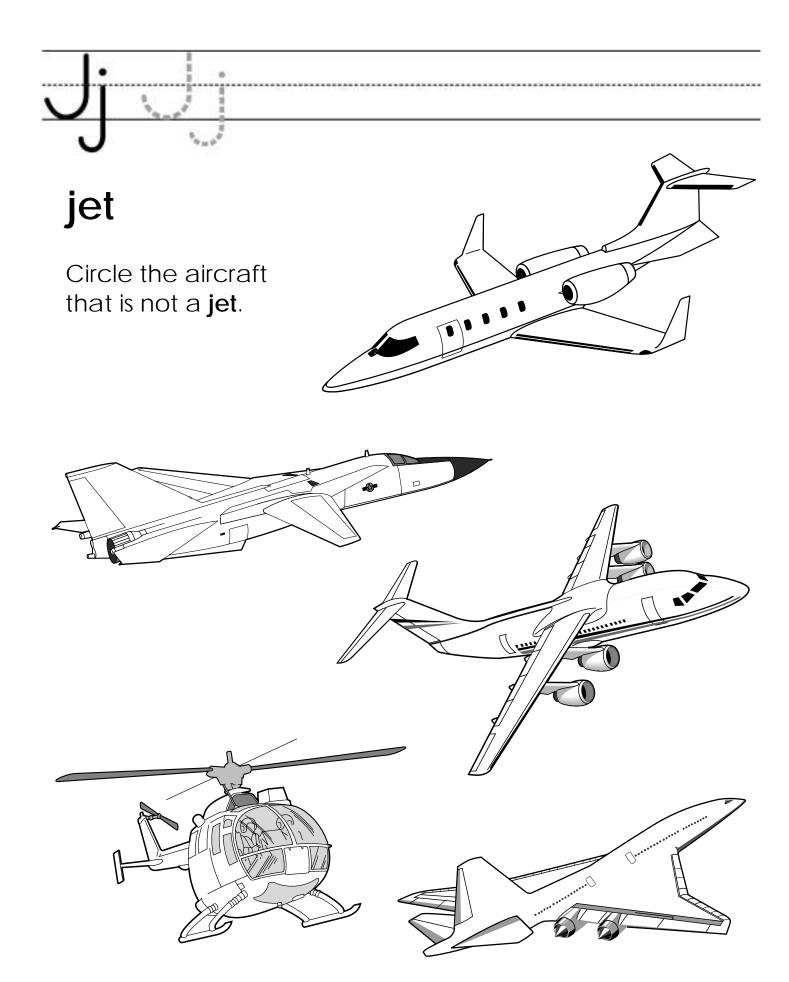
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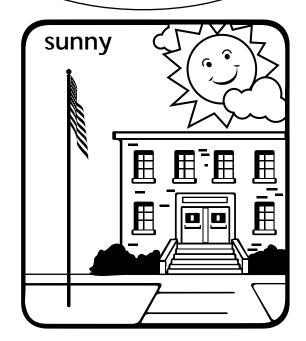
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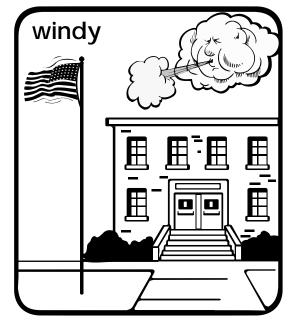


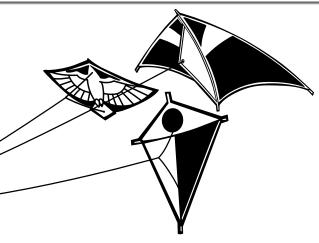


## kite

Color which type of day would be best for flying a **kite**.









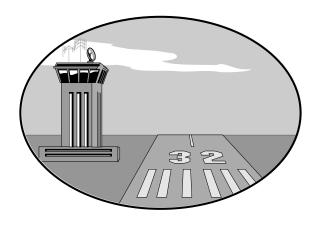


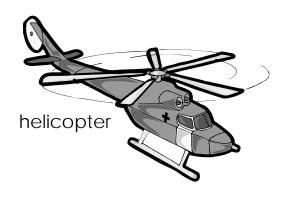
## landing

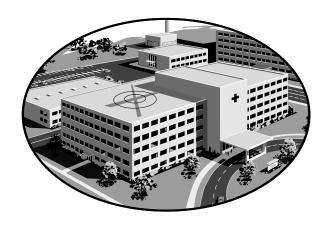
The aircraft below are landing. Draw a line to match each

aircraft to where it would land.













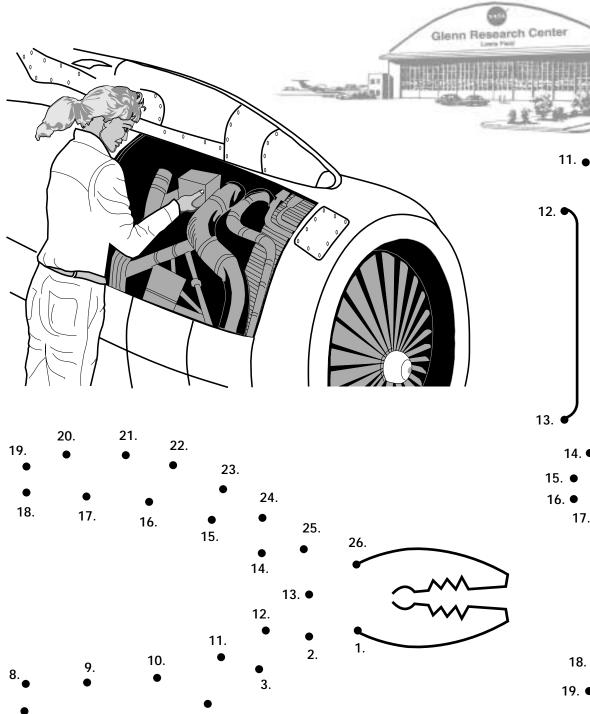
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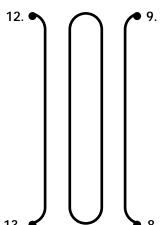
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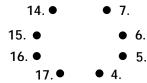
## mechanic

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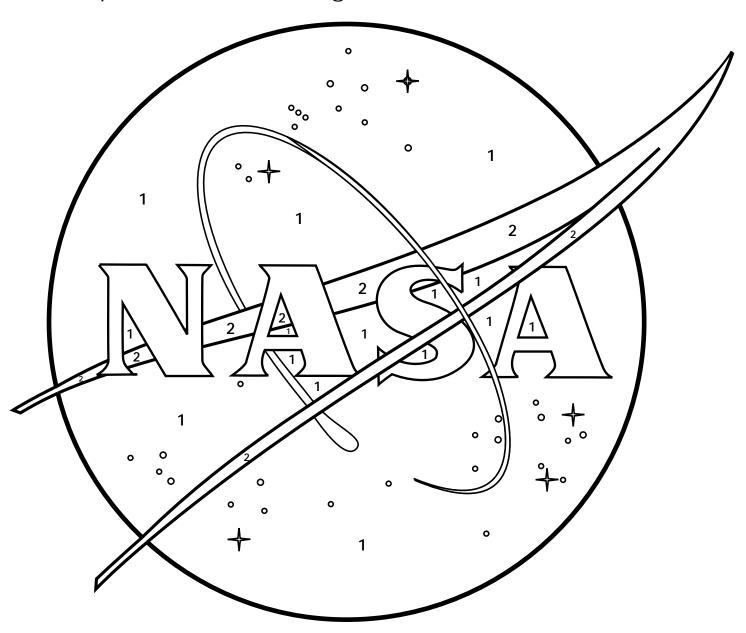


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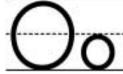
### **NASA**

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) logo. Color parts of the NASA logo numbered 1 blue and 2 red.



The NASA Insignia (more commonly referred to as the "meatball") reflects the history and tradition of the Agency and is used in all of the Agency's day-to-day communications materials. Designed in 1959 by former NASA employee James Modarelli of NASA Glenn Research Center, the NASA Insignia contains the following elements:

The sphere represents a planet, the stars represent space, the vector represents aeronautics, and the orbit represents space travel.

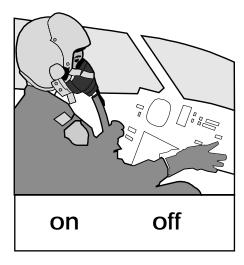


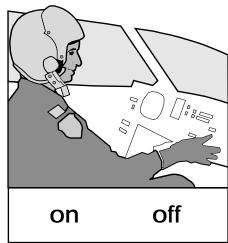
## oxygen mask

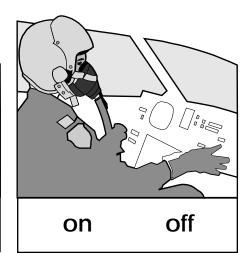
Does the pilot have his **oxygen mask** on or off? Under each picture, circle the word **on** or **off**.

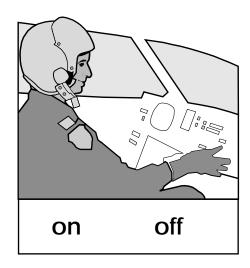
How many pilots have their oxygen masks on? \_\_\_\_\_

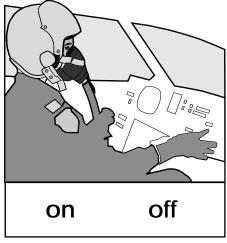
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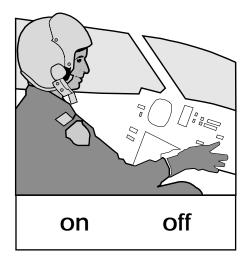


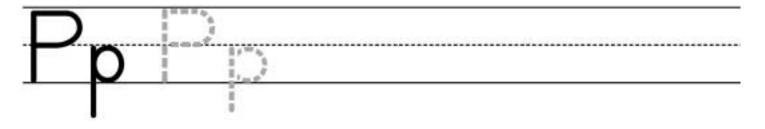








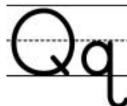




## pilot

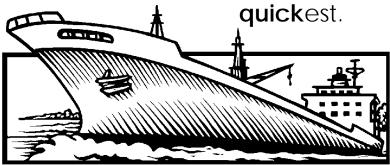
A **pilot** uses instruments in the cockpit to fly. Color the circles green, the squares red, the triangles yellow, and the rectangles blue.



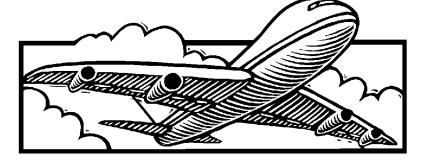


## quick

Your family is going on a trip far away. Under each picture is the time it will take each vehicle to get there. Circle the vehicle that will get you there the **quick**est.



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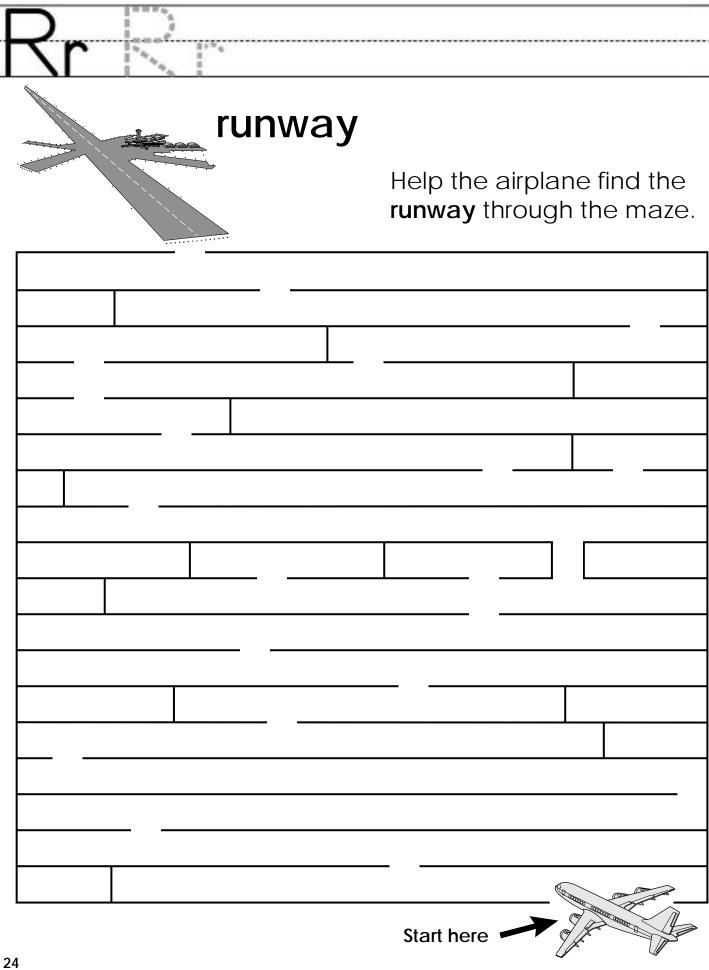
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1 day



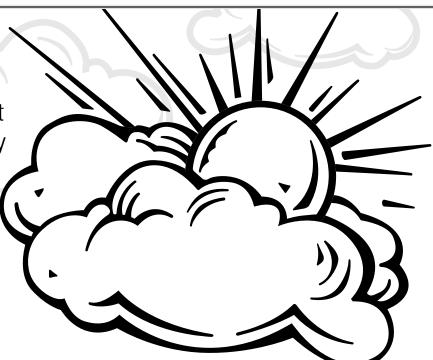
3 days



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## sky

Draw and color at least three things that can fly in the **sky**.

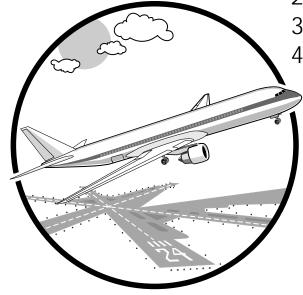


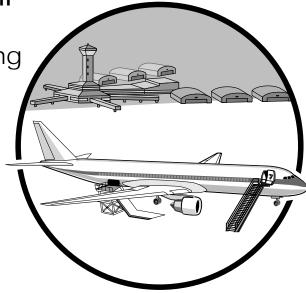
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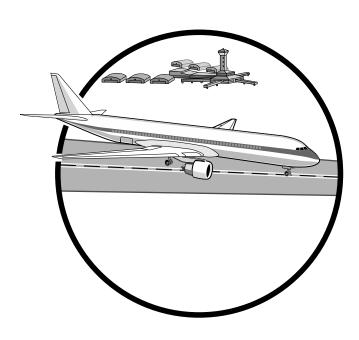
## takeoff

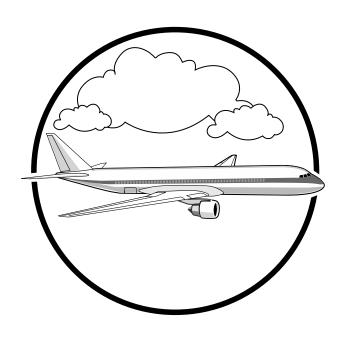
Write the number under the matching picture.

- 1. Loading
- 2. Takeoff
- 3. Flying
- 4. Landing





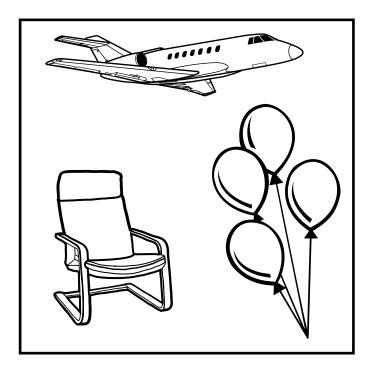


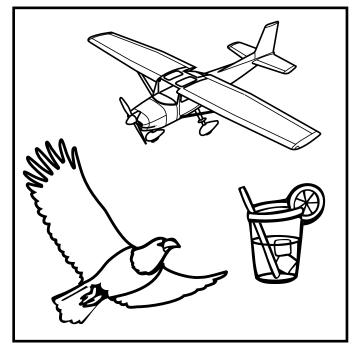


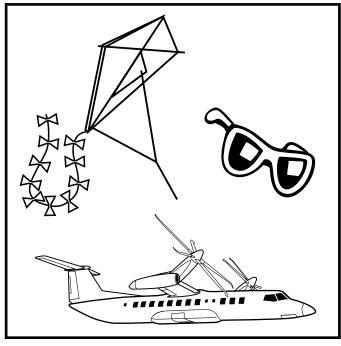


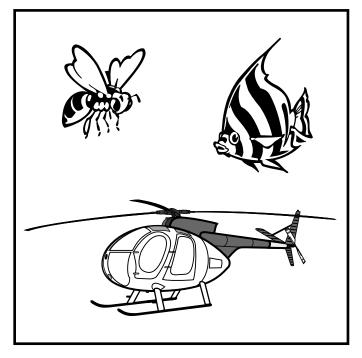
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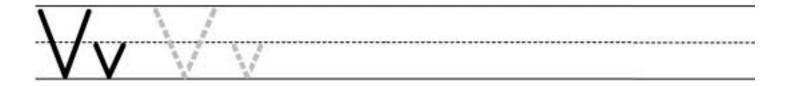
Circle the object in each group that does not go **up** in the air.





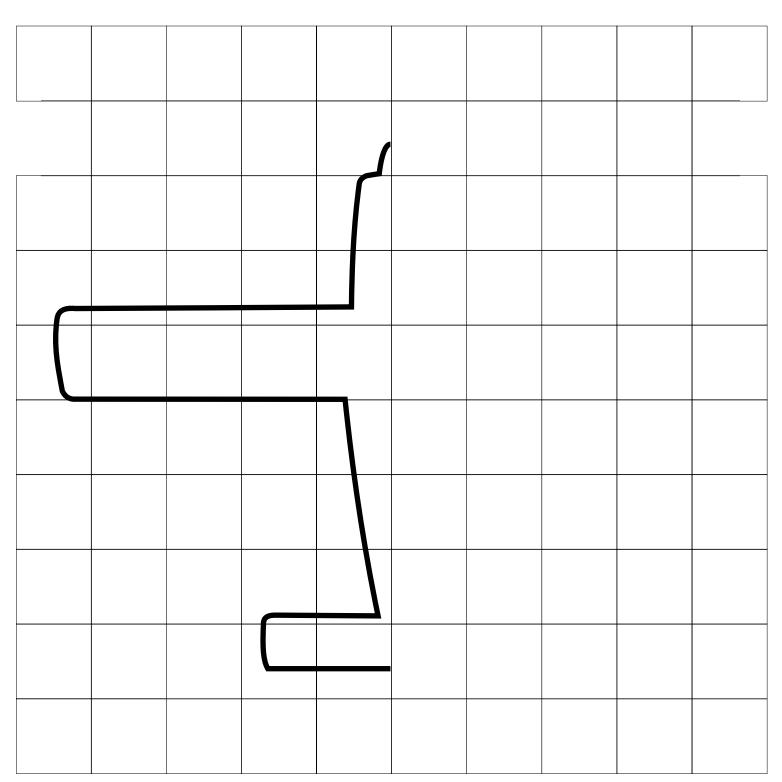


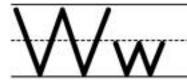




## view

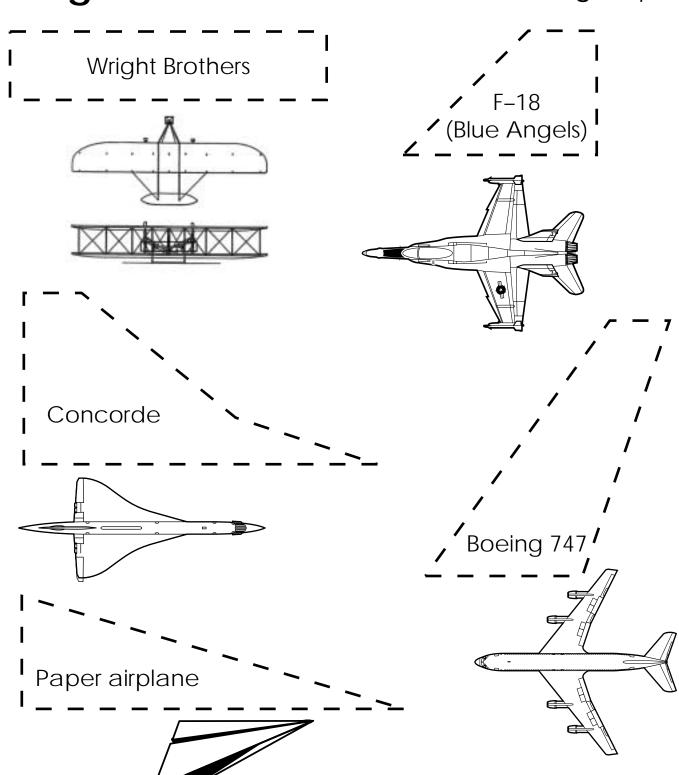
To complete the entire **view** of the airplane, draw the other half.

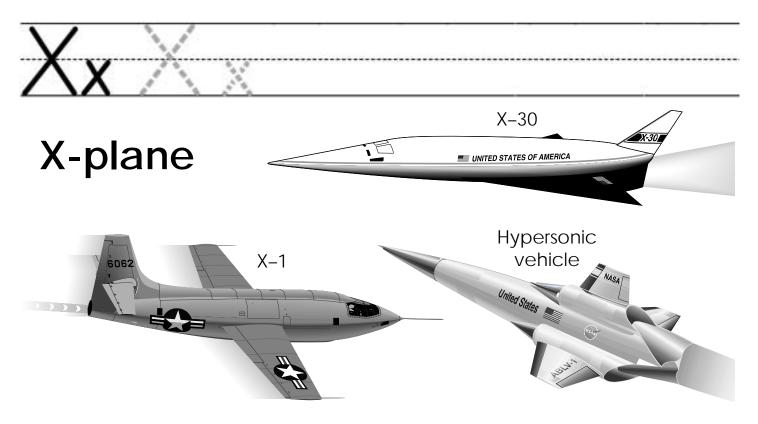




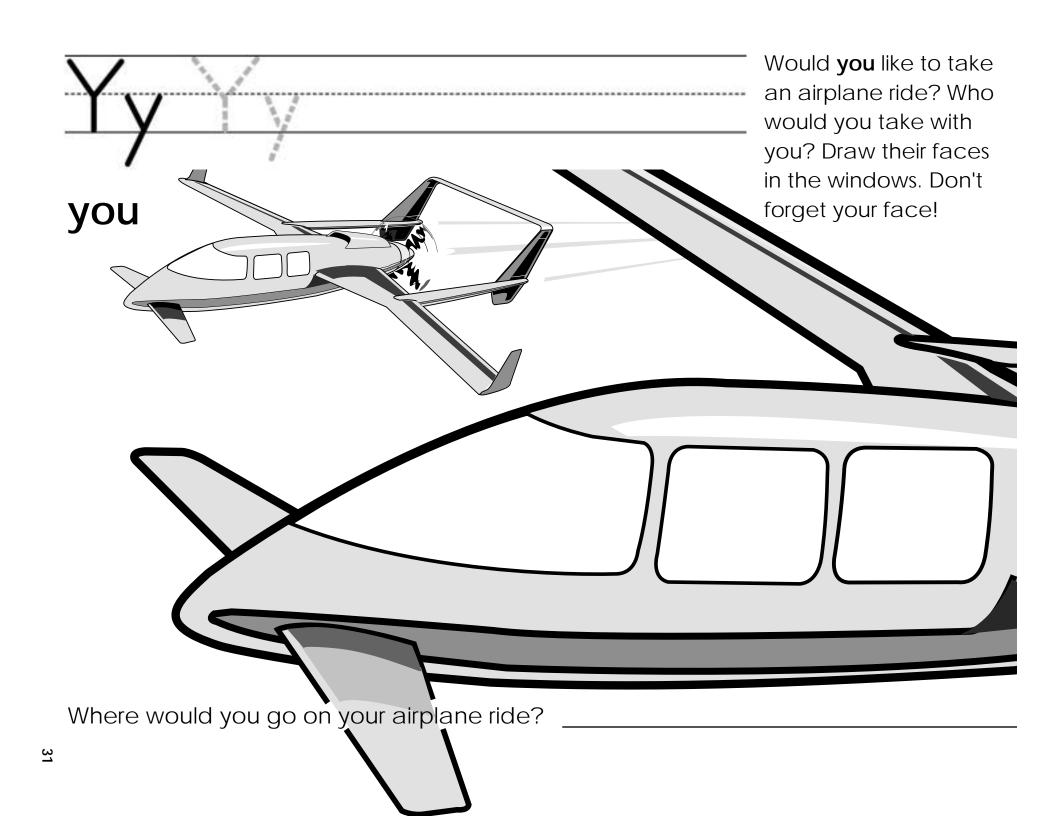
## wing

Trace the different **wing** shapes.

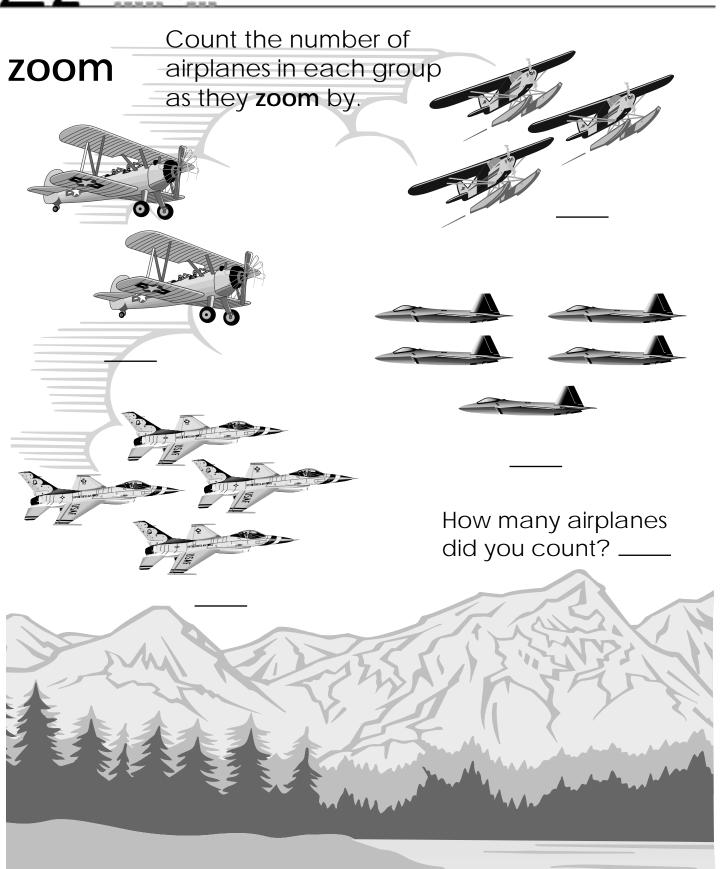


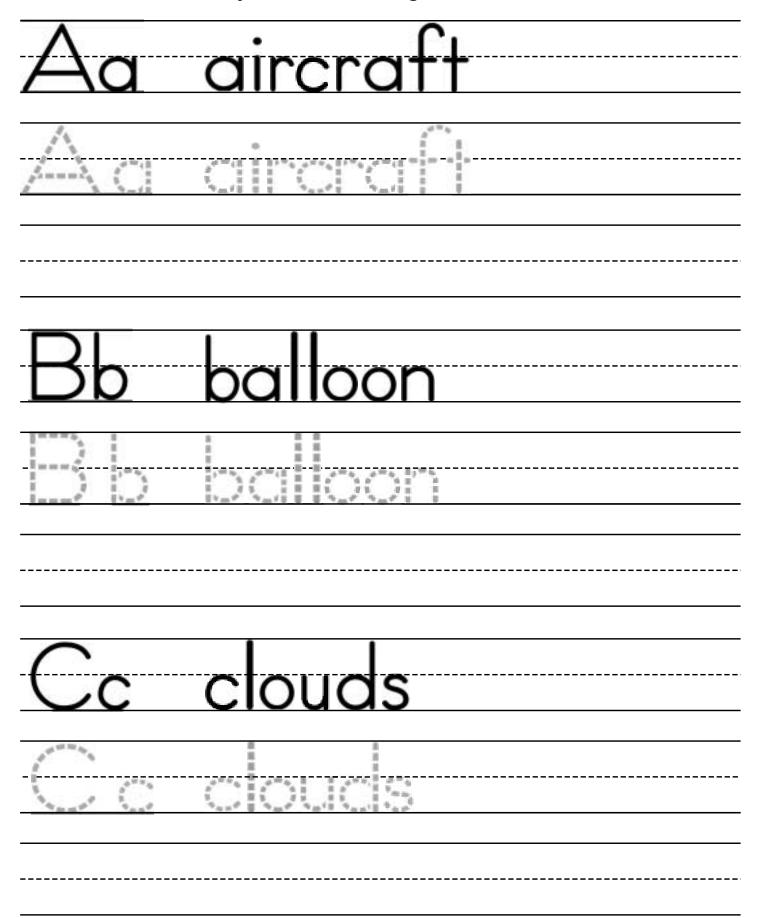


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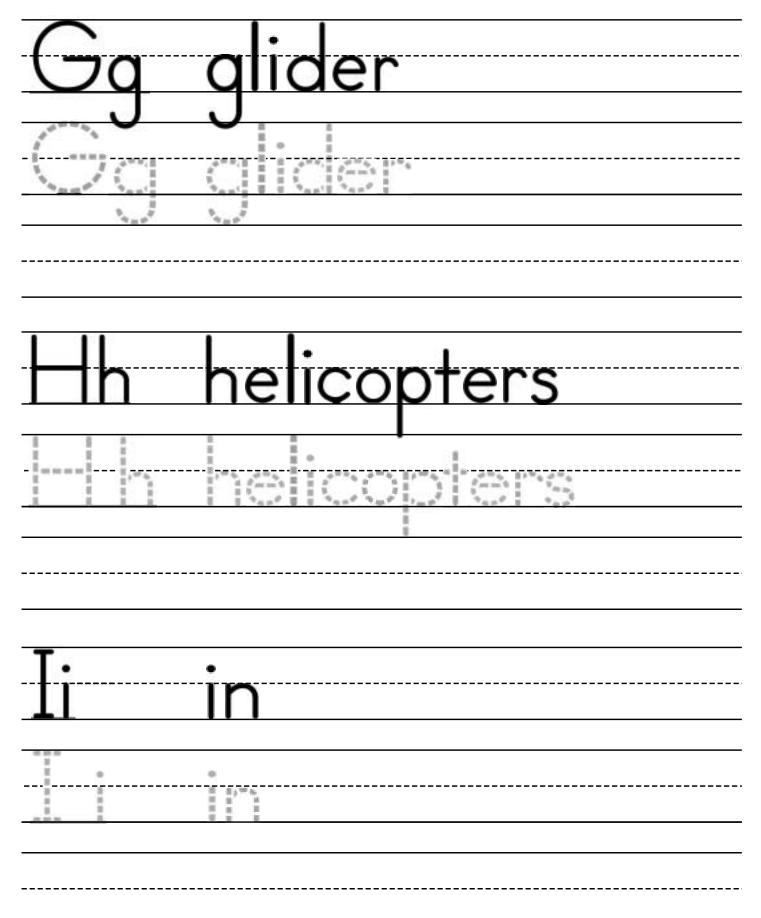


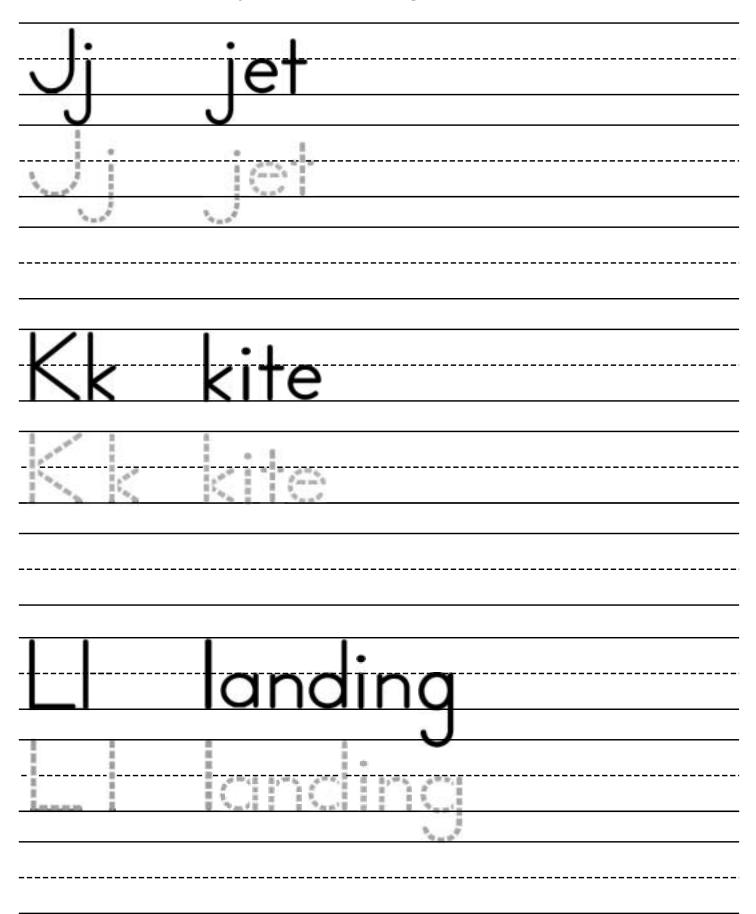
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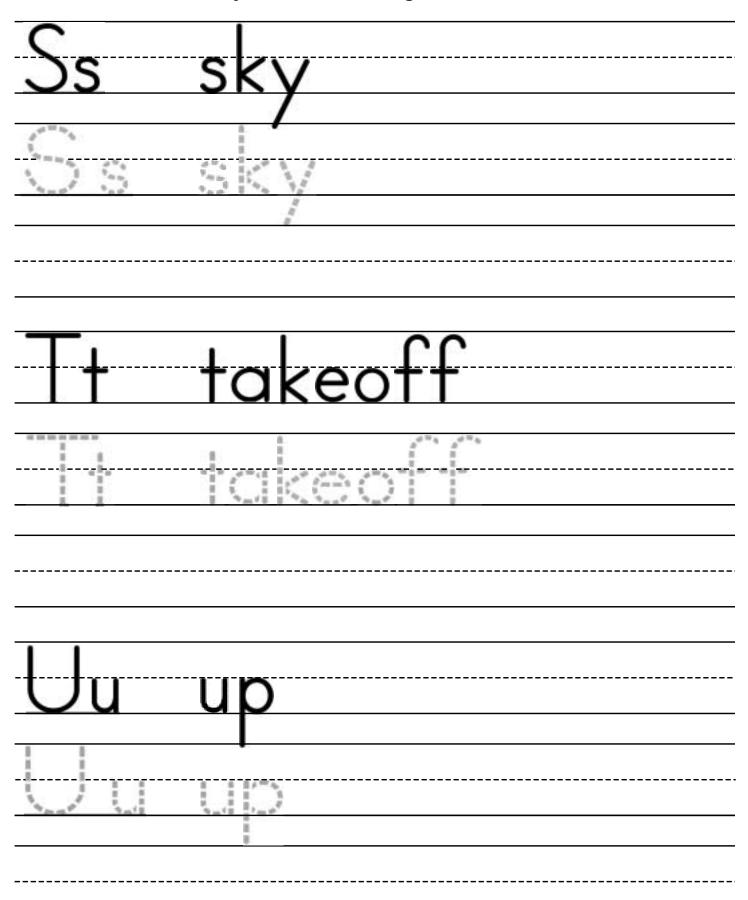
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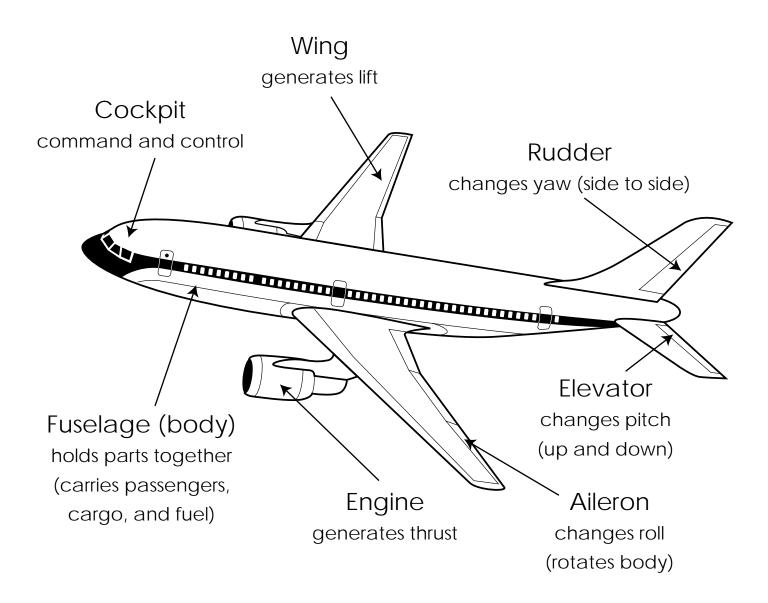
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# Airplane parts definitions



#### **GLOSSARY**



#### **Aeronautics**

The science of making and flying aircraft

#### **Aileron**

A hinged flap on the back edge of the wing of an airplane: it is moved up or down in keeping the airplane steady or in making a turn in the air (refer to picture on page 40)

#### Aircraft

- 1. An item that you can fly or float through the air
- 2. Any machine for flying

#### **Airplane**

An aircraft that is kept up by the force of air upon its wings and driven forward by a jet engine or propeller

#### Balloon

A large bag or rubber sack that is filled with air or other gases causing it to rise and float in the air

#### Cloud

White or gray objects that float in the air and contain tiny water drops

#### Cockpit

A place where the pilot or crew sits to control the aircraft apart from the passengers (refer to picture on page 40)

#### Elevator

A part of the tail of an airplane that can be moved to make the airplane go up or down (refer to picture on page 40)

#### Elevon

A control surface on an airplane that combines the functions of an elevator and an aileron

#### **Engine**

A machine, such as an aircraft engine, that uses energy of some kind to create motion and do work (refer to picture on page 40)

#### **Engineer**

A person trained and skilled in the design, construction, and use of engines or machines, or other devices of industry and everyday life

# **Experimental**

Having to do with a test or series of tests to find out if something is correct



#### **Fuselage**

The main structural body of an aircraft to which the wings and tail are attached (refer to picture on page 40)

#### Glider

An aircraft that has no engine and is carried along by air currents

# Helicopter

A kind of aircraft that has no wings and a large propeller fixed above it, that can be flown backward, forward, straight up and down

#### Instruments

A mechanical or electronic measuring device used to give the pilots information they need to fly their airplanes safely

#### Jet

An airplane that moves very quickly, jet propelled

#### **Kite**

A tethered glider that is lifted by the wind

# Landing

The act of coming down after flying

# Loading

Putting something to be carried into or upon an aircraft

# Luggage

The suitcases, trunks, baggage, and belongings of a passenger

#### Mechanic

- 1. A worker skilled in making, using, or repairing machines, vehicles, and tools
- 2. A person who repairs and maintains aircraft

# Oxygen mask

A mask placed over the mouth and nose and through which oxygen is supplied from an attached storage tank

#### **Parachute**

A large cloth device that opens up like an umbrella and is used for slowing down a person or thing dropping from an airplane

# **Passenger**

A person traveling in an airplane but not helping to operate it



#### **Pilot**

A person who operates an airplane, balloon, or other aircraft

#### **Propeller**

A set of blades driven by an engine that pull or push an airplane through the air

#### Runway

A surface on the ground specifically used for aircraft takeoffs and landings

#### Rudder

A hinged, vertical flap at the rear of an aircraft, used for steering (refer to picture on page 40)

#### Seaplane

Any airplane designed to land on water and take off from water

#### **Takeoff**

The act of rising from the ground, especially in an aircraft

#### **Vehicle**

An object that moves people, such as an automobile, bicycle, or aircraft

#### View

A way of seeing or looking at something

#### Wing

The part of an airplane which produces lift (refer to picture on page 401)

# X-plane

A special vehicle designed for experimental flight tests

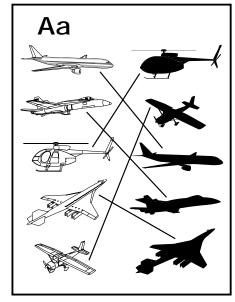
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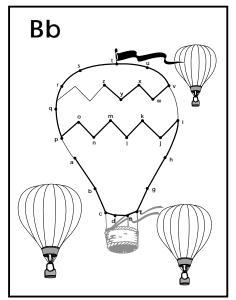
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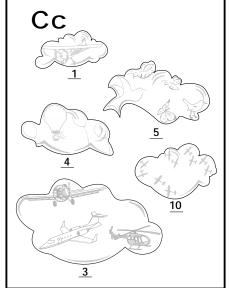
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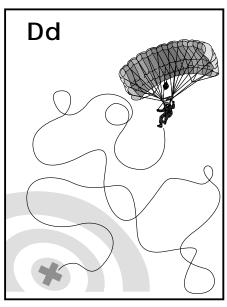
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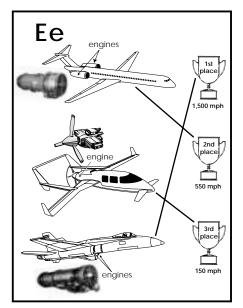
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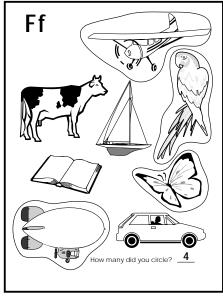




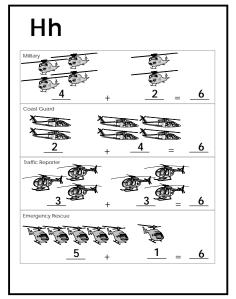


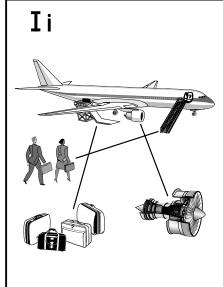




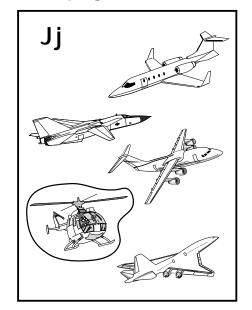


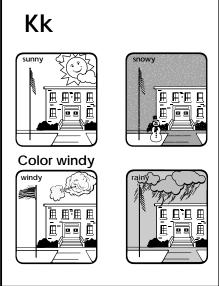
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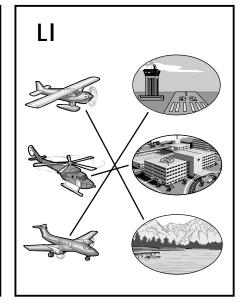


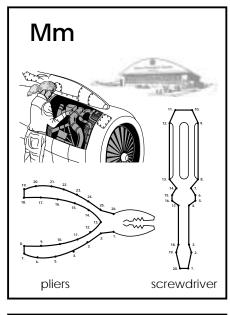


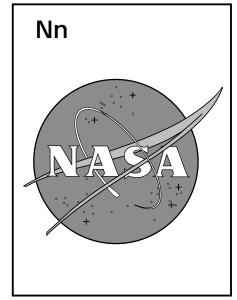
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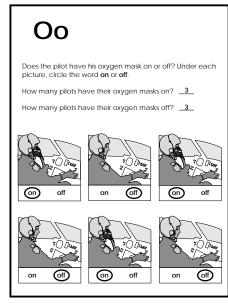


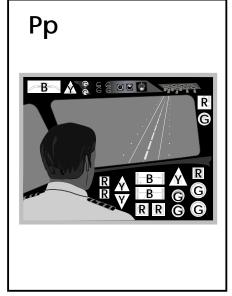


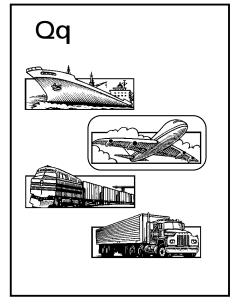


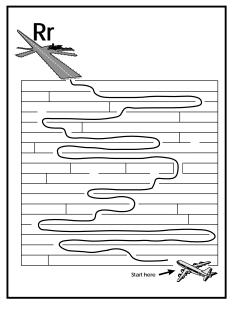






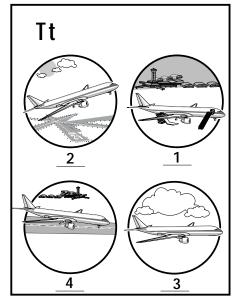


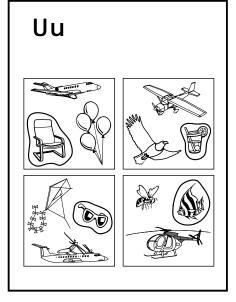


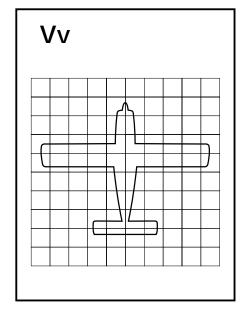


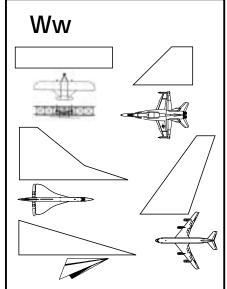
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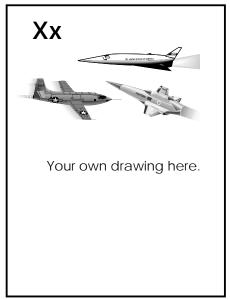


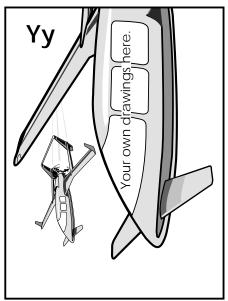


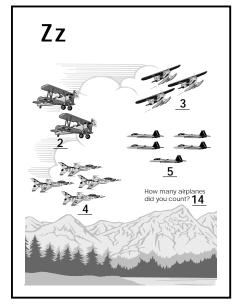


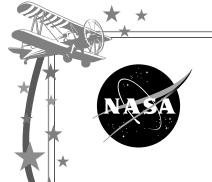












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