

Day 1

Amelia Earhart was born on July 24, 1897. Earhart had a younger sister who loved to join her on many adventures. The girls loved to spend as much time outside as possible. They enjoyed exploring and climbing trees. When she was around seven years old, Earhart crafted a ramp. She was inspired to make the ramp after she saw a roller coaster while on a trip. The ramp was very high and was attached to a shed. She bravely tried going down the ramp in a wooden box. The wooden box did not survive the attempt, but Earhart was exhilarated by the excitement she felt. When she was ten years old, Earhart's father tried to get her to ride an old airplane at the fair. Earhart was uninterested.

1. What does crafted mean?
 - a. made
 - b. bought
 - c. requested
2. What does exhilarated mean?
 - a. terrified
 - b. thrilled
 - c. bored
3. Underline the clues that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.
4. What inference can be made about Earhart?
 - a. Earhart was very adventurous.
 - b. Earhart did not like taking risks.
 - c. Earhart and her sister did not get along.

Day 2

In 1920, Earhart's father again suggested she ride a plane. This time she took him up on the offer. As soon as the plane took off, she knew she had to learn how to fly herself. She took her first class in January, 1921. She began breaking records before she got her pilot's license. She was the first woman to fly over 14,000 feet. On May 15th, 1923, Earhart became the 16th woman to receive her pilot's license. In 1927, Earhart helped found an airport. She flew the first official flight from the airport. Earhart was amazed by the feats of other pilots and wanted to do something important herself. She was asked to copilot a trip across the Atlantic Ocean. In April of 1928, she became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. The trip made her famous.

1. What does found mean?
 - a. recover
 - b. start
 - c. discover
2. What does feats mean?
 - a. jobs
 - b. defeats
 - c. achievements
3. Underline the clues that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.
4. What is the main idea of today's passage?
 - a. Earhart became interested in flying and soon broke many records.
 - b. Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean in 1928.
 - c. Earhart helped found an airport.

Day 3

Earhart continued breaking records in the sky. On January 11th, 1935, she was the first pilot to fly alone from Hawaii to California. In 1936, Earhart decided to plan the ultimate flight. She began to map out the route for a trip around the world. She wanted to break the record for the longest flight around the world. She planned to follow the equator to do this. She obtained a large plane for the trip. She took out the plane's extra seats and replaced them with gas tanks. Now the plane could hold over 1,000 gallons of gasoline. It could carry her and her navigator over 4,000 miles before they needed fuel again. She also modified the engines of their plane so it could fly farther than regular planes did. She planned to start the trip in California and fly out to Hawaii. Unfortunately, the trip did not go as planned.

1. What does obtained mean?

- a. lost
- b. got
- c. sold

2. What does modified mean?

- a. changed
- b. removed
- c. moved

3. Underline the clues that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.

4. What is the main idea of today's passage?

- a. Earhart planned to fly around the world.
- b. Earhart planned to fly from California to Hawaii.
- c. Earhart continued to break records.

Day 4

After days of repairs and then more problems, the trip was abandoned. Earhart decided to try again that summer. The first part of the trip was from California to Florida and was much smoother. After Florida, they flew to South America. They stopped in countries all along their route. The trip went well for 22,000 miles. The last obstacle was to cross the Pacific Ocean. On July 2, 1937, Earhart took off from an airfield in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The goal was to fly around 2,500 miles to Howard Island. Howard Island was a very small island in the Pacific Ocean. A ship called the USCGC *Itasca* was stationed at Howard Island. The *Itasca* was there to make contact with Earhart and to help guide her to a safe landing on the island.

1. What does abandoned mean?

- a. canceled
- b. continued
- c. successful

2. What does obstacle mean?

- a. trap
- b. reward
- c. difficulty

3. Underline the clues that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.

4. What inference can be made about today's passage?

- a. Many people did not want Earhart to succeed.
- b. Earhart had help from others during her journey.
- c. Earhart had to do everything by herself during her journey.

Day 5

Although plans had been put into place for Earhart to talk to people on the USCGC *Itasca*, she was unable to. As she approached, the men working on the *Itasca* could hear Earhart. Unfortunately, it soon became clear that Earhart could not hear any of the messages from the ship. This also meant that Earhart would be unable to use the technology on the plane to locate the *Itasca*. The first calls that came into the *Itasca* from Earhart were normal. Later, Earhart radioed in and asked for help with finding the boat. The men on board waited helplessly, knowing there was nothing they could do to help Earhart.

Little is known about the final leg of Earhart's journey. Radio communication continued to be picked up from her plane, but Earhart could not find Howard Island. At one point, the *Itasca* let out a large amount of smoke in hopes that Earhart would spot it. Unfortunately, Earhart never found Howard Island. Soon after the last radio message from Earhart, search parties went out looking for her and her plane. They searched in the areas they thought Earhart might have been. The search was later expanded to nearby islands. Clues were found on one island that led some to believe Earhart may have landed there. There was no evidence to substantiate that theory.

Earhart and her plane were never located. As the years have passed, the interesting story of Amelia Earhart has intrigued many. Although Earhart was never found, there are many theories about what happened. The most common theory is that her plane ran out of fuel and she was forced to land at sea. Another theory is that she may have landed on one of the nearby islands.

1. What does substantiate mean?
 - a. prove
 - b. cancel
 - c. watch
2. What does intrigued mean?
 - a. bored
 - b. annoyed
 - c. interested
3. Underline the word or words that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.
4. Write a summary of today's passage.
