

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Amelia Earhart

Before reading

1 Guess

Look at the pictures in the story. What do they tell you about Amelia Earhart? Make some guesses and write at least three sentences.

While reading

2 Comprehension

Listen to (but don't read) the story carefully up to 'so I trained to be a nurse's assistant' at 2' 34".

Are the sentences about Amelia Earhart true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Amelia Earhart was excited when she first saw an aircraft. _____
- 2 No heavier-than-air machine had flown when Earhart was born. _____
- 3 When she was young, Earhart wanted to help injured soldiers. _____
- 4 Earhart was born in Chicago. _____

3 Comprehension and writing

Read from the section break on page 48 to the one on page 51. Why were these people important to Earhart? Write one or two sentences for each name.

- 1 Frank Hawks

- 2 Charles Lindbergh

- 3 Amy Phipps Guest

- 4 Anita Snook

4 Comprehension and writing

Listen and read from the section break on page 51 to the end of the story. Answer these questions in sentences.

- 1 Why did Earhart and her husband move to California?

- 2 Why did Earhart have to repair her Lockheed 10E Electra in 1937?

- 3 Why did Earhart need extra fuel containers in her 10E Electra?

- 4 Why does Earhart describe Howland Island with the words 'like a tiny dot'?

After reading

5 Comprehension

Read the clues and complete the crossword.

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Clues

- 1 The maker of Earhart's Avian 594.
- 2 The Distinguished Flying Cross is one of these.
- 3 The colour of Earhart's car.
- 4 Earhart broke many of these.
- 5 Earhart's last refuelling stop.
- 6 Earhart planned to land here after Howland Island.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

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6 Language

Choose the right adjective from the text to fill each gap.

successful *exciting* *serious* *solo*
dangerous *famous* *experienced* *jealous*

- 1 When Earhart was alive, flying was much more _____ than it is now.
- 2 Earhart was the first female pilot to fly _____ and non-stop across the Atlantic.
- 3 Being involved in setting new flying records was _____ for Earhart.
- 4 Earhart's first attempt to fly around the world was not _____.
- 5 Earhart had _____ health problems.
- 6 Some people thought Earhart wasn't _____ enough to fly around the world.
- 7 Some male pilots may have been _____ of Earhart and her success.
- 8 By the time she died, Earhart was _____ as 'The Queen of the Air'.

7 Follow-up activity

Write your own sentences using the adjectives from activity 6. Your sentences can be about the story but you mustn't copy sentences from the story.

8 Follow-up activity

Use a dictionary to find the meanings of the following words. They are not in the story, but they are all parts of aircraft. They are all nouns. You can use an online dictionary such as www.collinsdictionary.com/cobuild if you want.

- joystick
- altimeter
- undercarriage
- throttle
- fuselage

9 Research

Try to find out more about one of Earhart's flights, using books and/or websites. Use the 'Further Research' document as a starting point. Then write three or four sentences about it.

ANSWER KEY (STUDENT ACTIVITIES)

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1 Guess

Answers will vary. You might guess that Earhart flew in the first half of the 20th century, in aircraft driven by propellers, and that she earned a medal for her work.

2 Comprehension

- 1 F
- 2 T
- 3 T
- 4 F

3 Comprehension and writing

Your answers must contain this information:

- 1 Frank Hawks was the pilot for Earhart's first flight.
- 2 Charles Lindbergh was the first person to fly solo and non-stop across the Atlantic, inspiring Earhart to be the first woman to do it.
- 3 Amy Phipps Guest was a famous woman pilot who did *not* risk the Atlantic flight, but offered to sponsor another woman to try.
- 4 Anita Snook taught Earhart to fly.

4 Comprehension and writing

- 1 They moved because Earhart's husband wanted to work in the movie industry in Hollywood.
- 2 Earhart had to repair her Electra because it was damaged during her first attempt to fly round the world.
- 3 The extra fuel was needed because the distance between refuelling stops was greater than the normal fuel load allowed.
- 4 Earhart describes Howland Island as a tiny dot because its size was very small compared with the size of the ocean.

5 Comprehension

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6 Language

- 1 dangerous
- 2 solo
- 3 exciting
- 4 successful
- 5 serious
- 6 experienced
- 7 jealous
- 8 famous

7 Follow-up activity

Answers will vary.

8 Follow-up activity

Suggested answers (from

www.collinsdictionary.com/cobuild):

- a **joystick** is used to steer an aircraft.
- an **altimeter** tells a pilot his/her height above the ground.
- the **undercarriage** of an aircraft is the part underneath – the parts that are needed in order to land and take off. It includes the wheels.
- the **throttle** controls the speed of an aircraft by controlling the flow of fuel to the engine(s).
- the **fuselage** is the main part of an aircraft to which the wings are fixed.

9 Research

Answers will vary.