

AMELIA EARHART



Amelia Earhart was the most famous female pilot of all time. She was born in 1897. She grew up in Kansas in the USA. She did well at school, but she didn't finish university. There was a war, so she became a nurse. Her life changed when she was twenty-three. That's when she first flew in a plane. She wasn't the pilot, but after this she became very interested in flying. She learned to fly and in 1921 she flew solo* for the first time. The next year she bought her own plane. She named it 'The Canary'.

Amelia Earhart was very brave. In 1932 she became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic – in a record time of fourteen hours and fifty-six minutes. She flew from Canada to Northern Ireland. The President gave her a medal. Amelia Earhart was suddenly famous! She competed in many flying races and broke many records. She also wrote popular books about flying. In 1937 she tried to fly around the world. Sadly, she didn't return. Nobody knows what happened exactly. Her plane probably crashed, but they didn't find her or her plane. Amelia Earhart was only forty-one when she died.

*alone



1. Where was Amelia Earhart from?
2. Why did she become a nurse?
3. How old was she when she first flew?
4. What was the name of Amelia's first plane?
5. When did she fly solo across the Atlantic?
6. What did the president give her?
7. What happened in 1937?