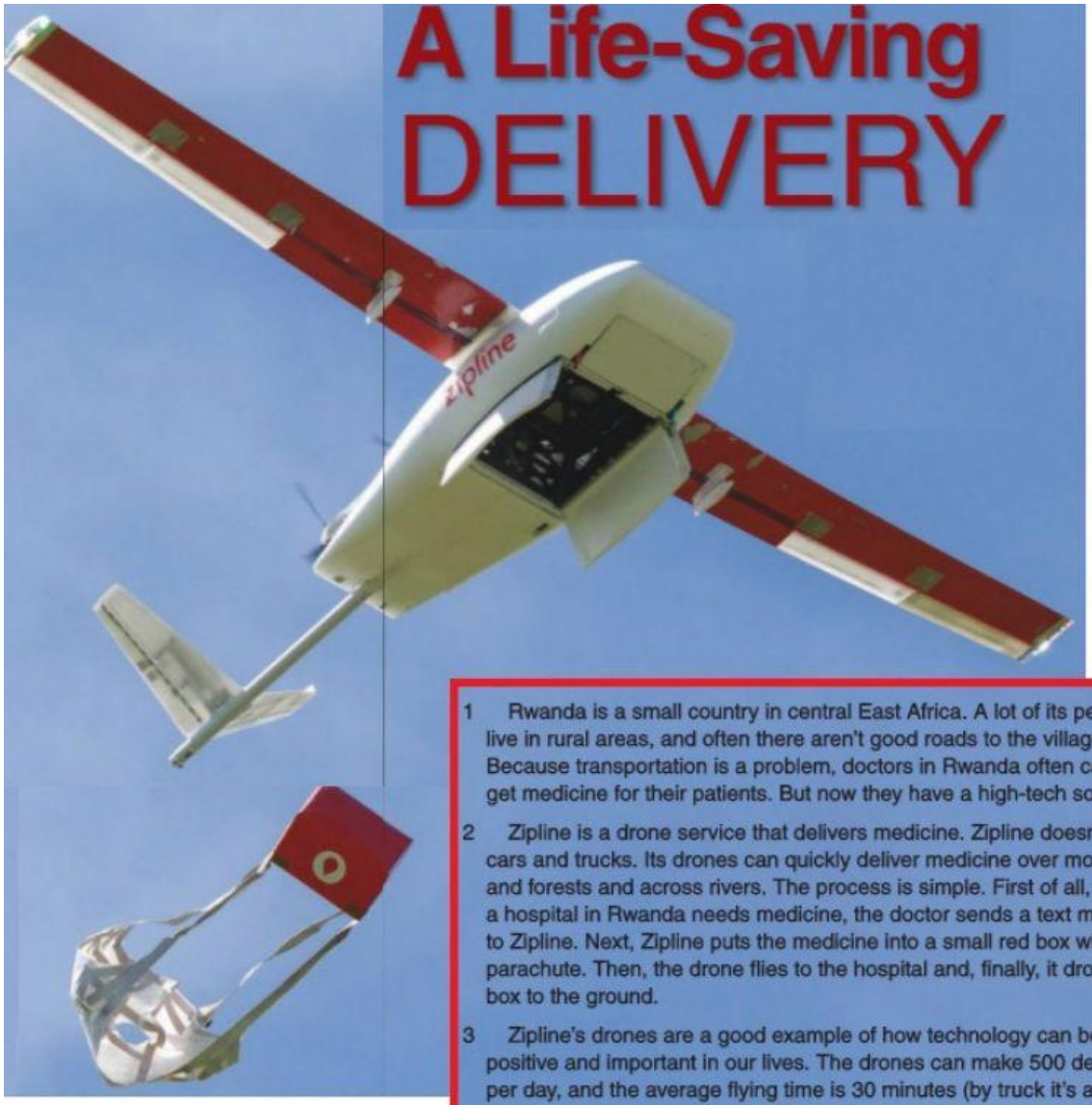



# A Life-Saving DELIVERY

1 Rwanda is a small country in central East Africa. A lot of its people live in rural areas, and often there aren't good roads to the villages. Because transportation is a problem, doctors in Rwanda often cannot get medicine for their patients. But now they have a high-tech solution.

2 Zipline is a drone service that delivers medicine. Zipline doesn't use cars and trucks. Its drones can quickly deliver medicine over mountains and forests and across rivers. The process is simple. First of all, when a hospital in Rwanda needs medicine, the doctor sends a text message to Zipline. Next, Zipline puts the medicine into a small red box with a parachute. Then, the drone flies to the hospital and, finally, it drops the box to the ground.

3 Zipline's drones are a good example of how technology can be positive and important in our lives. The drones can make 500 deliveries per day, and the average flying time is 30 minutes (by truck it's about 5 hours). The drone can fly almost 50 miles in a trip. As a result, Zipline is also now delivering in Ghana and, in the future, it plans to deliver in other countries, including rural parts of the United States.

**B** Read the article and check your ideas in **A**. Then match a–c to the correct paragraph.

**a.** Paragraph _____ is about how drones deliver medicine.

**b.** Paragraph _____ is about the problem for doctors in Rwanda.

**c.** Paragraph _____ is about how technology can save lives.

**C** Circle **T** for *true* or **F** for *false*.

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| **1.** | Rwanda is in West Africa. | T | F |
| **2.** | The entire country has good roads. | T | F |
| **3.** | Doctors have a new way to get medicine. | T | F |
| **4.** | Zipline is a type of hospital. | T | F |
| **5.** | Drones are faster than trucks. | T | F |
| **6.** | Zipline doesn't deliver in any other countries. | T | F |

**E** Read paragraph 2 again. What are the four stages of the process? Underline the words and phrases that introduce each stage. For example: First of all,

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