

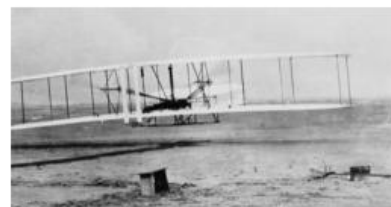
PAST EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

NAME:

1) Read the following text. Write the correct past form of the verbs in brackets

The Wright Brothers—Men with a Vision

Over 100 years ago, people only dreamed about flying. The Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, _____ (be) dreamers who changed the world. In 1878, they received a paper flying toy from their father. They _____ (play) with kites and started to think about the possibility of flight.



When they were older, they started a bicycle business. They _____ (use) the bicycle shop to design their airplanes. They _____ (study) three aspects of flying: lift, control, and power. In 1899, they constructed their first flying machine—a kite made of wood, wire, and cloth; it had no pilot. Because of the wind, it _____ (be) difficult to control. They _____ (continue) to study aerodynamics. Finally, Wilbur designed a small machine with a gasoline engine. Wilbur _____ (try) to fly the machine, but it crashed. They _____ (fix) it and _____ (fly) it for the first time on December 17, 1903, with Orville as the pilot. The airplane remained in the air for twelve seconds. It traveled a distance of 120 feet. This historic flight _____ (change) the world. However, only four newspapers in the U.S. reported this historic moment.

The Wright brothers offered their invention to the U.S. government, but the government _____ (reject) their offer at first. The government didn't believe that these men invented a flying machine. Finally, President Theodore Roosevelt investigated their claims and offered the inventors a contract to build airplanes for the U.S. Army.

December 17, 2003, marked 100 years of flight. There was a six-day celebration at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the location of the first flight. A crowd of 35,000 people _____ (gather) to see a replica of the first plane fly. The cost to re-create the plane was \$1.2 million. However, it rained hard that day, and the plane _____ (fail) to get off the ground. You can now see the Wright brothers' original airplane in the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

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2) The main idea of the text is

- a. the story of the Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, and the series of failures of their invention, the airplane.
- b. the story of the Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, and their invention of the first successful airplane, which changed the world.
- c. the most remarkable achievements of the Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, the creation of the bicycle and the airplane, which changed the world.

3) Choose the correct answer

- a. At first, the government **didn't accept** / **accept** the invention of the Wright brothers.
- b. Later, President Roosevelt offered the Wright brothers a **fine** / **contract** to build airplanes.
- c. The plane failed to take off on the day that people gathered to see the plane's replica due to the **heavy rain** / **wind**.
- d. The first time the prototype aircraft flew, it remained in the air for **20** / **12** seconds.



4) True or false?

- a. The brothers succeeded in creating the first airplane in a single attempt.
- b. In 1903, the first historic flight received a lot of media coverage.
- c. The original airplane built by the Wright brothers can still be seen to this day at the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

