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AIRPLANE

Two men made the first airplane that worked. They were brothers. Their names were Orville and Wilbur Wright. The airplane was made of wood and was called a “flyer.”

Before the brothers invented the first airplane, Orville and Wilbur opened a bike shop. They fixed bikes when things went wrong. They also made their own bikes. They saved the money they made.

The men used the money to build things that could fly. The first two things did not work. The third “flyer” did. It stayed in the air for 12 seconds. It went 120 feet. It was the start of a great invention!

Orville and Wilbur made other planes. The planes got better and faster. Now their first plane is in a museum for the world to see.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. How did the brothers make money to build a plane?
 - a. They picked up trash.
 - b. They made cars.
 - c. They made and sold bikes.
 - d. They got it from the bank.
2. Why do you think they called the first plane a “flyer”?
 - a. It was a bird.
 - b. It looked funny.
 - c. They liked the name.
 - d. It could go up in the air.
3. How did the men know each other?
 - a. They were brothers.
 - b. They were best friends.
 - c. They met at school.