

2 A Read the article. Complete the summary with one word or a number from the article in each gap.

A teenage girl and her ¹ have each flown around the world on their own. Zara began her trip in ² 2021. She stopped at ³ different places before she got arrived home in ⁴ 2022. Mack began his trip in ⁵ 2022 and arrived home in ⁶ 2022 after he went over ⁷ countries.

B Read the article again. Who is each sentence about: Zara (Z) or Mack (M)?

- 1 Who didn't start their journey in the country they live in?
- 2 Who didn't like flying over cold places?
- 3 Who experienced cold and storms?
- 4 Who spent one night in a place completely alone?
- 5 Who slept in an airport?
- 6 Who regularly talked to parents?
- 7 Who liked flying over Africa?
- 8 Who had other planes to welcome them home?

Teenage pilots fly around the world

Many teenagers dream of getting on a plane and travelling to another country. But what must it be like for a teenager to fly alone around the world in their own plane? That's what Mack and Zara Rutherford have done. The brother and sister are Belgian but have British parents. They are two of the youngest people to fly solo around the world in a light aeroplane. Zara, aged nineteen, was first. She left Belgium in August 2021 and returned in January 2022. Her trip involved sixty stops and took two months longer than she wanted because of stormy weather. She spent a month in the USA, where she used her time to apply for university. She slept in an airport in Indonesia for two days because she couldn't leave the airport. She had problems with her plane in New Mexico in the USA and Singapore, but she was most worried about flying across some of the coldest parts of the world, because her plane might stop working. When Zara arrived back in Belgium, four planes from the Belgian air force were there to meet her.

Zara's seventeen-year-old brother, Mack, left Sofia in Bulgaria in March 2022 and landed in the same place in August. He travelled across fifty-two countries and two oceans. He had problems with the hot weather in Dubai and closed airports in India. He also slept on an island in the Pacific where nobody lives. He enjoyed flying over national parks in Kenya and buildings in Manhattan, New York.

Mack spoke to his parents each day and got advice from his sister, too. Flying is important in the Rutherford family. Mack's parents are both pilots and his great-great grandmother was one of the first women in South Africa to fly a plane. Now that Mack is home, he isn't sure what he wants to do for a career, but he knows he wants to continue flying.

