READING

1 Read the text and circle the correct answer. (5 points)

In 1928, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to cross the Atlantic Ocean in a plane, and in 1932, she became the first woman pilot to "fly solo" (alone in the plane) across the Atlantic Ocean. In the 1930s, there weren't many women pilots in the world, but Earhart was confident and brave and she wanted to do something special with her life. Five years later, she planned to fly around the world at the equator – a 47,000-kilometre trip – with her navigator, Fred Noonan. They left Oakland, California on 17th March, 1937, and flew the first 35,000 kilometres, stopping in Florida, South America, Africa, India, Southeast Asia and New Guinea. Then, on 2nd July, their plane disappeared in the South Pacific near Howland Island, their next stop. What happened to Earhart and Noonan? It's a mystery.

Seven months after Earhart disappeared, a pilot flew over the tiny island of Nikumaroro in the South Pacific and took a photograph. He saw something very surprising in the picture. There was part of a plane next to the ocean. Other people went to the island, but they didn't find Earhart's plane. They discovered a box, a shoe and some other items. Did the items belong to Earhart and Noonan?

Richard Gillespie is a member of TIGHAR – a group looking for items connected to Earhart. Gillespie went to Nikumaroro with some scientists and modern equipment, and he found a piece of aluminium. Gillespie matched the piece of aluminium to an old Lockheed Electra plane – the same model of plane that Earhart used. He is convinced that the sheet of aluminium came from Earhart's plane.

Most people think Earhart's plane crashed and sank, but Gillespie doesn't believe that. People heard radio messages from Earhart for five days after she disappeared, so Gillespie thinks she was on Nikumaroro island, alive. Of course, maybe some of the radio messages were hoaxes.

What is the true end to Earhart and Noonan's story? We will probably never know. Other researchers believe Earhart died in captivity, or think she took a new identity and became a housewife. The search for evidence continues.

1. Amelia Earhart flew to the South Pacific alone.

   Right Wrong Doesn't say

2. Earhart's trip around the world started in California.

   Right Wrong Doesn't say

3. A pilot photographed a box and a shoe on Nikumaroro Island.

   Right Wrong Doesn't say

4. Gillespie found a piece of aluminium three years ago.

   Right Wrong Doesn't say

5. Gillespie believes that Earhart lived for at least five days after she disappeared.

   Right Wrong Doesn't say

2 Find words in the text that match the definitions below.

1. go from one side to the other (lines 1-8) _____
2. extremely small (lines 9-12) _____
3. person belonging to a group or club (lines 13-16) _____
4. to be sure about something (lines 13-16) _____
5. went to the bottom of the sea (lines 17-19) _____

3 Answer the questions.

1. Earhart was the first woman to do two things. What were they?

   a. _____

   b. _____

2. What adjectives does the writer use to describe Earhart?

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3. How far did Earhart and Noonan travel?

   _____

4. What is TIGHAR trying to find?

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5. Most people believe Earhart's plane crashed and sank. What are two other theories about what happened to Earhart?

   a. _____

   b. _____