

2 Read the text and choose the best answers.



Yekaterina Budanova
(1916 – 1943)



Lydia Litvyak
(1921 – 1943)

Some Russian women became well-known fighter pilots during the Second World War. Yekaterina Budanova was one of **them**. She joined the Soviet Army and became a fighter pilot after working as a non-military pilot. At first, Budanova's officer didn't believe in her ability. But in a short time Budanova became famous for her talent and remarkable flying skills. Unfortunately, she died at the age of 26 in air-to-air fighting against German planes, although she already shot down one plane and hit **a second** before being shot down herself.

Interested in flying at an early age, Lydia Litvyak joined a flying club and performed her first **solo**

flight at the age of 15. She became a flight instructor after graduating from the military flying school. After the German attack on the Soviet Union in 1941, Litvyak joined the Soviet Air Force and soon achieved great success. Like Budanova, she was killed (at the age of 21) in fighting against German planes. And along with Yekaterina Budanova, Lydia Litvyak is often considered one of the world's most famous female fighter pilots.

- Which of the following best serves as the title of the text?
A. Fighting the Germans B. Women during the Second World War
C. Russian Female Fighter Pilots D. Female Fighter Pilots Who Made History
- The word **them** in paragraph 1 refers to _____.
A. women B. Russian women C. fighter pilots D. well-known fighter pilots
- What did Budanova do before she became a fighter pilot?
A. She was a Russian officer. B. She worked at a flying club.
C. She worked as a non-military pilot. D. She shot down German planes.
- The phrase **a second** in paragraph 1 refers to _____.
A. a second German plane B. a fighter pilot
C. a second Russian plane D. the Second World War
- The word **solo** in paragraph 2 means _____.
A. done by one person alone B. done by more than one person
C. successful D. single
- The fact that Litvyak had her first solo flight when she was only 15 implies that _____.
A. her flying club was the best in the world B. it was a risky thing to do
C. she had a natural talent for flying D. she loved danger
- Litvyak became a fighter pilot in the Soviet Air Force _____.
A. when she achieved great success
B. when the Soviet Union joined the war
C. after the Soviet Union attacked Germany in 1941
D. after the Germans attacked her country in 1941
- Which of the following is NOT true about Budanova and Litvyak, according to the text?
A. They are considered two of the world's most famous female fighter pilots.
B. They died in their twenties.
C. They died when the Second World War was over.
D. They were talented and successful.