

**1. Read the texts and complete them with the words.**

**A.** The (1) ..... of the first airplane were Orville and Wilbur Wright. On December 17, 1903, the Wright brothers made the first (2) ..... experiment in which a machine with a man could fly and then landed without damage. Before the first airplane was invented by the Wright Brothers, inventors tried hard to make things like birds and fly. These early inventions included (3) ....., hot air balloons, airships, gliders, and other (4) .....

kites  
inventors  
explore  
devices  
successful

1	2	3	4

**B.** The Chinese invented the kite that could (5) ..... in the air. That made people think about flying. Kites were used by the Chinese in (6) ..... ceremonies. Some kites were used to test (7) ..... conditions. For many centuries, humans had tried to fly just like birds and had studied the flight of birds. They made (8) ..... of feathers or light wood. The results were often terrible. The muscles of the human arms are not like birds' and cannot move with the strength of a bird.

wings  
flight  
fly  
weather  
religious

5	6	7	8

**C.** In the 1480's Leonardo da Vinci was the first who (9) ..... flights. He illustrated his theories. There were (10) ..... with the wings and (11) ..... of birds. He had ideas for man carrying machines, and devices for testing wings. It was only a design to (12) ..... how man could fly. The modern helicopter is based on this concept.

show  
studied  
tails  
try  
drawings

9	10	11	12

**2. Read the texts again and match them with the titles.**

1. THE GREAT ARTIST AND INVENTOR
2. THE DREAM TO FLY
3. A DISASTROUS RESULT
4. YEARS OF LEARNING

A	B	C