



IGOR SIKORSKY: The father of the helicopter

Your teacher has asked you to write the biography of another inventor: Igor Sikorsky.

Here are some notes about him. Read the notes and write his biography using linking words to join the sentences. Then present it in class.

1889	γεννημένος στο Κίεβο της Ουκρανίας Born in Kiev, Ukraine	αρκετά μοντέλα αεροσκαφών και ελικοπτέρων
	ως μαθητής As a schoolboy, he (build)	έχτισε
	σπούδασε (study) in Russia and Paris, France	
1919	(build) the world's first multi-engine aircraft	το πρώτο μηχανοκινούμενο αεροσκάφος στον κόσμο
	Μετά τη Ρωσική Επανάσταση After Russian revolution (emigrate) to USA	μετανάστευσε στις Η.Π.Α.
	ξέμεινε από χρήματα his money (run out), (teach) Russian immigrants	μαθηματικά, αστρονομία και αεροπλοΐα
1923 1925-1940	(work) as an aircraft designer	σχεδιαστής αεροσκαφών
	1923 (start) his own aeronautical company, the Sikorsky Aero Engineering Corporation	αεροναυτική εταιρεία αερομηχανική εταιρεία Sikorsky
	δημιούργησε μια σειρά ολοένα και πιο επιτυχημένων αεροσκαφών, συμπεριλαμβανομένου του πρώτου ελικοπτέρου (create) a series of increasingly successful aircraft, including the first helicopter	
1972	πέθανε (die) in USA	

Use Past Simple or Past Continuous to fill in the gaps:

People call Igor Sikorsky 'the father of the helicopter'.

He _____ (be) born in Kiev, Russia. As a schoolboy, he _____ (build) several model aircraft and helicopters. He _____ (study) in Russia and in Paris, France. Sikorsky _____ (build) the world's first multi-engine aircraft. In 1919, after the Russian revolution, Sikorsky _____ (emigrate) from Russia to the USA. As his money _____ (run out), he _____ (teach) Russian immigrants mathematics, astronomy and aviation. He _____ (work) as an aircraft designer, as well. In 1923, Sikorsky _____ (start) his own aeronautical company, the Sikorsky Aero Engineering Corporation. Between the years 1925 -1940 he _____ (create) a series of increasingly successful aircraft, including the first helicopter. Sikorsky _____ (die) in USA in 1972.

The Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation continues to the present day as one of the world's leading helicopter manufacturers