Paul, the pilot

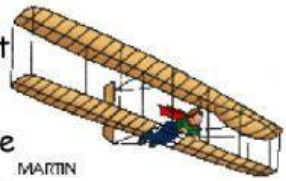
I fly airplanes and helicopters to do many jobs. I fly people and cargo from place to place.

Before I take off, I must plan my flight carefully. I check my plane to make sure that it is working properly and that baggage or cargo is loaded correctly. Then I check the weather forecast to see how the weather will be on my flight.

Takeoff and landing are often very difficult, so I must be very careful during those times. The rest of the flight can be fairly easy because planes have computers to tell pilots if their trip is going according to plan. I must check the monitors at all times during the flight to be sure that all is going well. If problems come up, I must try to solve them quickly.

I often stay away from home overnight. Airlines have flights at all hours of the day and night. When I fly very long distances I may have "jet lag" because I move through different time zones. Sometimes I can feel a lot of stress because I´m responsible for the safety of my passengers.

Some other pilots test new planes, fight fires, do police work, or rescue people who are hurt or in danger.



Twice a year a doctor must examine me. The doctor makes sure that I can see and hear well, and I´m healthy enough to fly.

I attended a school for pilots, but many pilots learn how to fly in the military. Pilots must also pass a written test to show that they know how to fly very well. Most people who enter this occupation have a college degree.

Tick off the correct beginning for each sentence.

1) ..... from place to place.

a) I fly animals and flowers ...
b) I fly people and cargo ...
c) I send baggage ...

2) ..... the weather forecast.

a) Then I watch ...
b) Then I listen to .....
c) Then I check ...

3) ..... at all hours of the day and night

a) Birds ...
b) People cannot go by plane ...
c) Airlines have flights...

4) ..... must examine me.

a) Twice a year a doctor ...
b) Twice a month a doctor
c) Twice a year a nurse ...

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