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THE BROTHERS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD



Help desk

flight: a journey
in the air

Orville and Wilbur Wright were two brothers from the USA. They were bicycle engineers and inventors who had a big dream; they wanted to fly! In 1899 they started to experiment and build flying machines. They worked hard to make the wings and controls perfect. They did lots of tests but when the machines didn't work they didn't get frustrated, they made them better.

On 17th December 1903 at a place called Kitty Hawk in the USA, Orville made the world's first flight in a plane. It travelled 36 metres through the air in 12 seconds. It was a historic moment! But the brothers didn't stop there; they continued to develop their plane and make it better. In 1904 Wilbur made a flight that lasted 5 minutes.

Their amazing invention means that we can now travel long distances much more quickly. Journeys that took months by boat and train in the past now only take a few hours by plane. That first flight over 100 years ago changed the world forever!

