

HELICOPTERS

I really 1. _____ (like) helicopters. I've been collecting helicopter models since I was 5 years old and I have also been reading about helicopters for several years.

In the 16th century, the great Italian inventor Leonardo Da Vinci 2. _____ (make) drawings of a helicopter. However, many early helicopter designs 3. _____ (be) too heavy and too big to leave the ground. At the end of the 19th century, the internal combustion engine 4. _____ (invent). In 1907, the first helicopter with two rotor blades 5. _____ (take off) into the air for a few seconds. Then, in 1924, a Frenchman 6. _____ (fly) a helicopter one kilometre. It took 7 minutes and 40 seconds.

We now 7. _____ (have) amazing machines like the Chinook and the Sikorsky.

