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### INTRODUCTION

The Federal Aviation Administration is pleased to present the Aviation Education Teacher's Guide Series. The series includes four publications specifically designed as resources to those interested in aviation education. The guides include activities and lessons specifically designed for use in a variety of content areas at various grade levels. It is our hope that the publications in this series will be beneficial to those who lead America's aviation education initiatives into the 21st century.

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# **Bi-Wing Plane**



The Biplane has two wings. One at the top of the fuselage (body of the plane) and one below it. Struts attach one wing to the other. This support makes the wings strong but the drag on the plane is increased and therefore, the plane flies more slowly than other types of planes.

### Jet Plane



The jet plane can be identified by its compact engines that do not have propellers. The jet engine works by burning a mixture of fuel and air in a combustion chamber that produces a jet of hot gas which produces thrust. These planes can fly very high and fast. Sometimes they leave trails across the sky which looks like two very long white clouds. These are called contrails. Helicopter



Helicopters do not have wings like most other airplanes. They have rotating blades above the body of the plane. The blades provide for lift, propulsion and steering of the helicopter. Helicopters can take off vertically rising right straight up in the air. They can hover (remain in one spot in the air) and fly in any direction. Helicopters have a tail rotor (like a small propeller in a more vertical position) to prevent the helicopter body from spinning around and around. **Passenger Plane** 



This passenger plane is a modern jetliner. It has not propellers because power comes from the turbofan jet engines. Some "jumbo jets" can fly 400 passengers for more than 8,000 miles without having to refuel. They fly very high where they can save on fuel and avoid most bad weather.

#### SELECTED AEROSPACE TOPICS IN CURRICULUM CONTEXT

Often educators who teach about aviation and space education are challenged by administrators, other teachers

and parents who question the validity of such study. The following list indicates just some of the specific ways this topic interrelates with traditional studies.

Where they fly is GEOGRAPHY

Who made them fly is HISTORY

How they fly is SCIENCE

Where they land is SOCIAL STUDIES

ART

Balloons Commemorative stamps and medals History of aviation Insignia Interiors of aircraft Kites Medals and decorations Model aircraft Mythology Objects of art Photography Pilot and crew wings Science fiction

#### ASTRONOMY

Asteroids Astronautics Astronomy Comets Constellations Eclipse Galaxies Light Meteors Moon Observations Planetariums Planets Stars Sun Telescopes Universe

#### BIOLOGY

Animals in space Bird Flight Closed ecological system Photosynthesis

#### CAREER GUIDANCE

Air traffic control Astronauts Careers Charter flying Flight attendant Flight instruction General aviation Ground service and maintenance Occupations Pilot training Spacecraft design Test pilots Women in aerospace

#### CHEMISTRY

Air

Atmosphere Gases Specific gravity

#### EARTH SCIENCE

Air masses Astronomy Atmosphere Aurora Aviation weather Charts Compasses Earth Gravity Lightning Maps and Mapping Precipitation Weather Weather maps and charts Weather satellites

### GENERAL SCIENCE

Airplane Astronomy Atmosphere Atoms Barometric pressure Bird flight Clouds Electricity

#### GENERAL SCIENCE (contd.)

Energy Fog Galaxies Helicopters Jet aircraft Launch vehicles Man in flight Photography Planets Radio communications **Satellites** Saturn rockets Space stations Starts Sun Walk in space Weather Weather satellites

#### GEOGRAPHY

Charts Compasses Course plotting Latitude and longitude Maps and mapping Photography

### HEALTH

Animals in space Astronauts Flight physical Food and nutrition Life-support systems Man in flight Manned spaceflight Man-powered flight Pressurization Spacesuits Temperature control Weightlessness

## HISTORY

Ace Balloons Biographies Commemorative stamps and medals Dirigibles Gliders History of aviation Man-powered flight Mythology Science fiction Women in aerospace

#### MATHEMATICS

Dead reckoning Information systems Navigation techniques Orbits and trajectories Weight and balance

#### METEOROLOGY

Air Air masses Atmosphere Barometric pressure Clouds Earth Science Evaporation and condensation Fog Humidity Precipitation Turbulence Weather maps and charts Weather satellites Wind

### PHYSICS

Airplane Center of gravity Computers Electricity Energy Engines Gyroscope Instrument panel Launching Matter Noise Nuclear energy Radio **Robots** Sail planes Supersonic flight Television Wings

#### SOCIAL STUDIES

Airmail Air taxis **Biographies** Careers Cargo aircraft Commercial airlines Communications satellites Flight (as passenger) Flight test programs General aviation Gliders Gliding Hangars Helicopters Heliports History of aviation Jet aircraft Jumbo jets Kennedy Space Center Launch facilities Launch vehicles Lunar base Lunar exploration Missiles Mythology NASA Rescue and recovery service Runways Space stations

#### SPEECH AND COMMUNICATIONS

Phonetic alphabet Terminology of aerospace

#### SUGGESTED MATERIALS LIST

Graph paper Pictures of rockets Crayons Scissors Different sized balls Pencils Glue or paste Large long paper sheets Weather symbol cut outs Glass Liquid (water) Pictures-planes and birds in flight Plastic Sandwich bags Twist ties Garbage bags Straws Large jars Large containers Perfume Balance scale Cotton balls and strongly scented materials Textbooks Cardboard Dish pan Balloons Kite material (sticks, paper, glue, long strip of cloth and string) Fan Small objects which can be tied to strings **Buckets** Small flags Clip board Books on airports and airplanes Index cards Ping pong balls Ruler Rock Jump rope

Marbles Rubber bands Umbrella Aluminum foil Pictures showing gravity at work Very long elastic strips or inner tubing Shelf plastic Marker Scale Materials of different weights Hooks Kite sticks **Bottles** Hot plate Wooden matches Glass pill bottles Corks Vaseline Magnifying glasses Cans Staplers Plastic bottles Wood Wire Paper clips Model planes Paints Scotch tape Feathers **Construction Paper** Cloth or handkerchiefs String Balls Paper clips Scrap paper

# UNIT I.

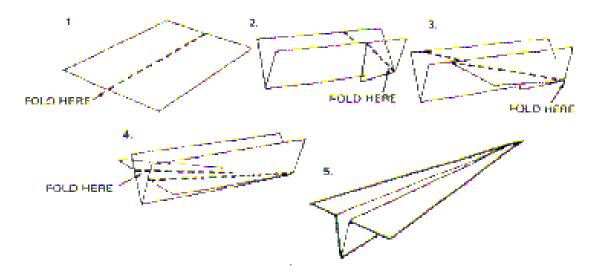
# WEATHER

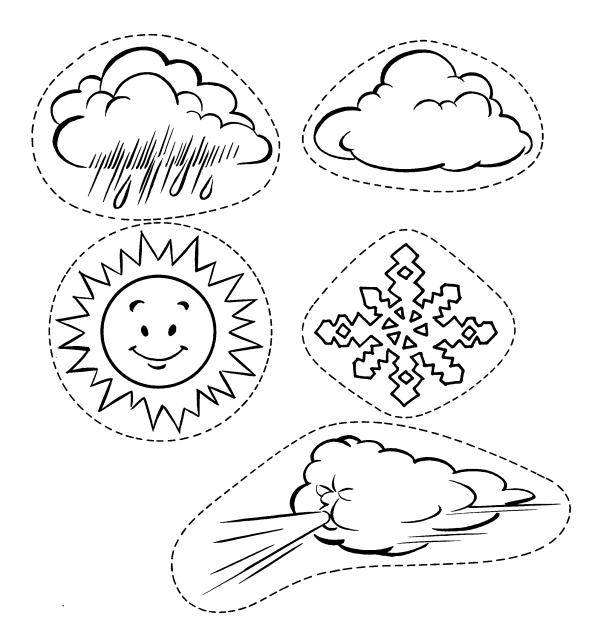
Weather is important to a pilot. Fog can affect visibility. Ice can interfere with the smooth operation of the mechanical parts of the airplane. Wind and rain can produce turbulence that can cause the airplane to toss and turn. Therefore, it is important for the pilot to try to avoid weather problems. Many airplanes have very excellent instruments that assist the pilot in understanding and interpreting the weather conditions and how they affect the flight.

### "WEATHERING" THOUGHTS

Objectives:To introduce collecting and recording data with a pictograph using observations and<br/>inferential skills.Materials:Large month-long calendar; weather symbol cut outs; large sheets of paper for two<br/>graphs; 8 x 10 sheets of paper for each child to make paper airplane; glue/paste.Teacher Info:Label the first graph as follows. Show the number of days on the left side and five columns<br/>across for RAINY, SNOWY, SUNNY, CLOUDY, and WINDY. The second graph should<br/>contain the number of days on the left side and two columns across for "FLYING TODAY"<br/>and "NO FLYING TODAY".Skills:Collecting and recording data; inferring; group consensus.Time:45 minutes initially; approximately 10 minutes per day.

- Have the children make simple paper airplanes using the 8 x 10 sheets of paper as depicted. Let them fly their planes<u>inside</u> when they are done. Discuss safety first. Discuss what would happen to planes various types of weather if flown out of doors.
- 2) Show the children the weather symbol cut outs. Explain that the clas will have to decide on one shape for each day. Have the students make their first thoughts for weather symbol. Put the appropriate symbol on the calendar with glue or paste. Choose one student to color the appropriate square on the first graph. Then, based on current weather conditions, decide if it would be a good day to fly their paper planes. Explain why or why not. Color appropriate square on second chart.
- 3) Using the large month-long calendar and the two graphs, chart the weather on a daily basis. Decide whether it's a good day to fly the paper planeoutside. What have you noticed about today's weather? What did you notice yesterday? What are the similarities and differences? What could happen outside that would make it a good day to fly? What would make it a bad day to fly?
- 4) Tally the various weather days along with the flying and no flying days. This can be done for one month of each season of the school year.





## **Trip to the Weather Station**

- Objectives: To see how weather information is collected and disseminated. To list 4 kinds of weather information that are gathered.
- Skills: Observing, measuring, gathering data, expanding weather vocabulary.
- Materials: Field trip. Many communities have a small local recording weather station. It may be found in a public building or school. Most airports have weather stations. For the locations of weather stations in your area, contact the United States Weather Bureau, a division of The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
- Time: Variable, depends on proximity to weather station.
- Instructional Methods:
  - 1) Discuss with students the effect of gathering good weather information for flying.
  - 2) Introduce vocabulary relating to the weather station.
  - 3) Call weather station, arrange for person who gathers weather data to explain to students about their job.
  - 4) Take students to weather station.

Follow-up Activities: (See Weather Station Learning Center Activity).

# Weather Station Learning Center

Objectives:	To role play observing and collecting weather information.		
Materials/Set Up:	Set up dramatic play corner as a weather desk for pilots to get weather information before flying. Set up a weather vane or wind sock outside a window which can be seen from the classroom to see wind direction. Weather desk - The weather person needs to convey to pilot the direction of the wind (from the vane) the speed of the wind from the wind sock (the closer the wind sock is parallel with the ground, the higher the wind velocity/speed), and the visibility, (how far can child see distant landmarks out the window). If possible, obtain a small battery operated weather radio which gives a continuous forecast to the weather person. Have a play phone available for calling about the weather. Construct a weather information display board with dials drawn in to simulate information at a real weather center. Have pilot hats available for pilots to wear.		
Skills:	Observing wind velocity, direction and visibility.Role play concepts of weather station.		
Time:	During free choice		
Instructional Methods:			
	<ol> <li>Allow children to role play pilots coming to the weather desk to find out the weather.</li> <li>Children could choose this activity during free choice time.</li> </ol>		
Extension:	Wind socks are now being used as decorative items. They can be made by taking a large piece of colored paper (18" x 24") decorating it and bending it into a cylinder. Strips (2' X 24") long) of crepe paper are attached to the bottom of the cylinder. Decorations can be thematic, i.e., fall, Halloween, winter, animal faces, etc.		

#### **Pilot Visit**

Objectives: To describe a pilot's occupational duties.

Materials: A community member whose occupation is a pilot. (Contact local Civil Air Control)

Skills: Listening

Time: 40 minutes.

Instructional Methods::

Guest speaker (pilot) will talk to students about his job as a pilot.

### **Pilots Study Weather**

- Objectives: To list good and bad weather conditions for flying. To discuss how poor visibility affects the pilot.
- Materials: Goggles smeared with Vaseline, paper for airplanes, buckets, chair.
- Skills: Classifying, listening, vocabulary.
- Time: Forty minutes.

- 1) Students will throw a paper airplane into a bucket.
- 2) Students will wear goggles smeared with Vaseline and try to launch a paper airplane into a bucket. Students will sit in a chair being rocked from side to side and back and forth by the teacher or another student and try to launch a paper airplane into a bucket.
- 3) Students will wear goggles and sit in a rocking chair and try to throw a paper airplane into a bucket.
- 4) Students will discuss the effects of poor visibility and high winds on the ability of a pilot to land an airplane.

## **CLOUD FORMATION**

Objectives: To describe cloud types, weather associated with various cloud formations.

Materials: Chart PUB E.S. (See Publications Appendix p 59) Cloud Recognition)

Skills: Observing, describing, matching.

Time: 40 minutes.

Instructional Methods:

- 1) Students will study charts together in small groups.
- 2) Students will draw pictures of the various cloud types and make a lotto game.
- 3) Students will play lotto game, matching the cloud types.

#### "GO FLY A KITE"

Objectives:	To practice gathering and interpreting data relative to flight; to discover the principles of balance and lift relative to kite flying.
Materials:	String, glue, tape, kite sticks, paper or plastic, worksheets
Skills:	Gathering and interpreting data; identifying variables.
Time:	40 minutes

Instructional Methods:

- 1) Demonstrate kite construction (p 9). Have students construct kites.
- 2) Use any of the following approaches to explore variables affecting kite flying.
- Measure how quickly several kites reach a given altitude. Which climb the fastest?
- Is a tail needed during different weather conditions?
- Graph the results attitude vs. speed. Is there one overall best design?

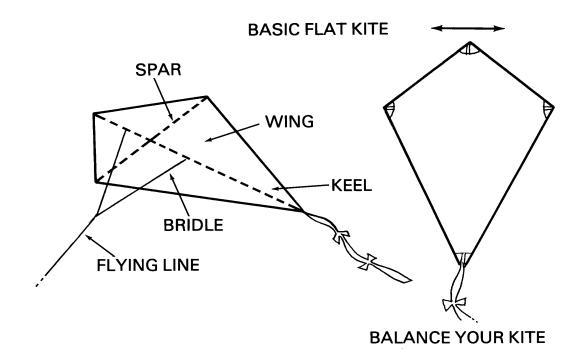
<u>NOTE</u>: PLEASE REMEMBER: Never use wire for kite "string". <u>Never climb utility poles to</u> retrieve a kite. Never fly kites during electrical storms.

# "GO FLY A KITE"

# FLAT KITE

MATERIALS:	string glue tape kite stic paper o	cks r plastic
PROCEDURE:	1.	A flat kite may be constructed by securing sticks in the manner shown and attach to paper or plastic.
	2.	Attach a string from the end of each spar to the end of each keel.

- 3. Cover the frame with glue or tape.
- 4. Attach the bridle and flying line.



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# UNIT II.

# GRAVITY

Gravity is a force that is very important in airplane flight. It is a force that pulls objects toward the earth. In order to pull away from the earth, the pilot must be able to overcome that pull by using speed or thrust from engines and lift from the wings.

## UP, UP, AND AWAY

Objectives: To introduce the concept of up and down; enhance group discussion skills.

Materials: Outdoor activity: balls of various sizes

Skills: Observing.

Time: 30 minutes.

Instructional Methods:

- On the playground, have the children play catch with balls. Try different types of balls: Nerf balls, basketballs, volleyballs, baseballs. Do they all go up? Do they all come down? Do some go up and down faster? Slower?
- 2) From the top of a slide or balcony drop different objects. Do they all fall down?
- 3) Observe which items fall faster? Why?

## **DOWN WE GO!**

Objectives:	To introduce the concept of gravity; to observe the effects of gravity	v.
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Materials: Different sized balls.

Skills: Observation, experimentation and inference development.

Time: 45 minutes.

- 1) Take two balls of different sizes, one large and one small. Give the balls to two students. Have one of them stand on a chair and the other sit on the floor to observe when the balls hit the floor. Tell the first students to drop both balls at the same time. Do the balls land at the same time? Encourage the students to explain why.
- Discuss when gravity is a negative force. (An apple falls on our heads. A plane has to work quite hard to become free of the earth, etc.) Discuss how gravity is a positive force. (Things stay where they are.)
- 3) Ask the students if they have ever seen pictures on TV of astronauts floating in the capsules. Have students try to float like an astronaut. Can they do it? Discuss. The power of gravity is greatly decreased in outer space, allowing astronauts to float freely.

### STICK EM UP

- Objective: To observe that objects fly only when the force of upward air (resistance) is greater than the force of downward gravity.
- Materials: Balloon, kite materials (2 sticks, paper, glue, long strip of cloth, string), fan, parachute, feather, paper, pencil.
- Skills: Observing, inferring

Time: 45 minutes.

Instructional Methods:

1) Have students recall what they have seen flying or floating in the air. (Example leaves, seeds, balloons).

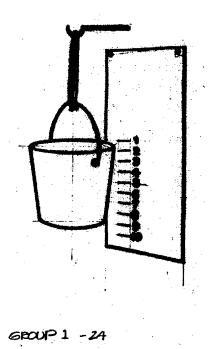
<u>NOTE</u>: Discuss the idea that gravity is continuously working to keep things on the earth. Objects can only fly when the force of air upward is greater than the gravitational force.

- 2) Fill a balloon with air. Discuss whether <u>or</u> not the balloon will rise. Let the balloon go. Note what happens. Try to keep the balloon up by blowing on the bottom of it with a fan. What happens now?
- 3) Make a kite (<u>or</u> purchase one). Take the students outside to fly it.
- <u>NOTE</u>: The wind's pressure has a tendency to keep the kite up in the air, while gravity tends to pull it down. The flyer must hold the kite at an angle for the air to strike against the under surface of the kite. The tail keeps the kite upright. The flyer uses the string to keep the kite windward.
- 4) Attach a feather onto the parachute. Note its rate of descent. Now drop the feather by itself. Note its rate of descent. Which fell to the ground faster? Use other items, such as a piece of paper, a pencil, etc. Observe the difference of falling objects.
- <u>Note</u>: The parachute slows down falling objects by "capturing" air. However, not enough pressure is created to keep the object up.

#### HEAVY, HEAVIER AND HEAVIEST

- Objectives:To use weight as a means of measuring gravitational pull; to demonstrate the relationship between<br/>gravity and flying; to demonstrate that a spring scale measures the gravitational pull of an object.Materials:Pictures showing gravity at work; very strong elastic; shelf paper; marker; scale; various materials<br/>of different weights; bucket; hook.Skills:Observing, recording data, predicting, comparing.
- Time: 45 minutes.

- 1) Discuss children's concept of gravity. Drop an object on the floor. Ask students what they notice and why it happened. Pour some liquid in a glass. Ask why it doesn't fly out the open top.
- 2) Display pictures of gravity at work (bicycling, people sitting, liquids poured into different containers, etc). Discuss what's happening in the pictures and why.
- 3) Discuss what they might do on the moon that would be difficult for them to do on earth.
- 4) Using these steps, make a spring scale. Hang a longsheet of shelf paper on the wall. Attach a large hook at the top. Collect several different materials of varying weights, such as sand, chalk, cotton, etc. Tie a strip of very strong elastic or inner tubing around the handle of the bucket. Hang on the hook. Student prints a "0" to measure an empty bucket. Begin dropping other materials into the bucket. Record weights.



# **UNIT III**

# AIR

Air is all around us even though we cannot see it. It covers our entire Earth in a layer several hundred miles thick, but 90% of air is concentrated in the lowest ten miles. This bottom layer contains oxygen as well as other gases. Life on our planet needs oxygen to survive. The experiments in this Unit will involve several properties of our invisible air.

### **AIR - WHERE IS IT?**

- <u>Objectives:</u> To learn that air has many properties; to understand that although air is invisible, it can be observed.
- <u>Materials:</u> Plastic sandwich bags, twist ties, garbage bags, straws, large jar, soda bottles, balance scale, large container of water, liquid bubble soap, balloons, notebook paper.
- Skills: Observing, experimenting, inferring.
- Time: 60 minutes.

- Ask students to catch some air in a plastic sandwich bag by holding the mouth of the bag open and swishing it through the air. Quickly close the mouth, twist the bag, and secure with a fastener. Students squeeze the trapped air and notice how it feels. Look through the bag filled with air -- Can you see through it? Children can then smell the air by opening the bag a bit. Do the above procedures with outside air. Note their similarities and differences.
- 2) Have the students submerge an empty soda bottle, top up, into a large container of water. Observe what happens.
- 3) Blow up two balloons equally and tie. Attach each balloon to the balance scale and notice that it balances. Prick one balloon with a pin. Notice what happens as the air rushes out. Discuss weight as a property of air indicating its existence.
- 4) Tell the students to relax and close their eyes. Explain that you are making a surprise for them out of air, which they will be able to see when they open their eyes. Blow as nany soap bubbles as you can for a few moments, then have the students open their eyes. Ask them what's in the bubbles? What's outside them? Is air all around them?
- 5) Blow up a balloon and put it under water. Release the air slowly under the water.
- 6) Assist students in making their own paper fans. Be sure they undertand that by fanning themselves they are making the air move, and therefore, can feel the air.
- 7) Explain to the students that we cannot see air, but we can see what air does to things around us. Ask students how they can tell that air is present.

# AIR: WHAT CAN IT DO?

Objective: To observe that air supports things.

<u>Materials:</u> Large plastic bags, rubber bands or twist ties.

<u>Skills:</u> Observing, inferring, experimenting

Time: 15 minutes

- 1) Hand out one large bag to each group of children. Let them practice swishing the bag through the air to fill it. This will take some practice because of its large size.
- 2) As soon as each bag is filled, let someone in the group twist the opening shut, and keep twisting until the bag is no longer limp. Then the twisted part should be doubled over and fastened with a rubber band or twist tie.
- 3) Let the children take turns trying to sit on the bag to see if it will hold them off the ground.
- 4) After sitting on air and fæling the push of the bag against them, children can be encouraged to think about, observe, and describe the action of air on other objects such as a kite or bird.

## IT'S IN THE AIR

Objectives: To observe the air flow in a room using indirect evidence.

Materials: Cotton balls soaked in strongly scented materials, paper for fan.

Skills: Observation, inference, drawing conclusions

Time: 30 minutes

- Put scents on numerous cotton balls. Ask the students to raise their hands soon as they smell the scent. Time this. Do the same thing again, only attach the cotton balls to the fan. Time. Make a comparison.
- 2) Have the students make a fan. Wave it in the air. Does the odor travel faster through the room? Explain air currents if the students can't conclude that air moves.
- 3) Students observe the movement of leaves on trees, clouds, trash blowing, snow blowing, smoke from chimneys, ctc. Notice other indicators of air in motion.
- 4) Brainstorm different ways tomake air currents detectors: pinwheels, wind socks, soap bubbles in the air, etc. Create some detectors for use in warm and cold places, high and low places, indoors and outdoors, in calm and windy weather, etc.

### PRESSURE'S RISING

Objectives:To observe and conclude that air can exert pushing force:Materials:Plastic drinking straws, plastic sandwich bags, light weight books, water glass, water, a<br/>square (6") piece of thin, flat cardboard, plastic dish pan, match box cars.

Skills: Observation, drawing conclusions, experimentation.

Time: 45 minutes

Instructional Methods:

1) Give each participant a straw, bag, and a light weight book. Ask student to elevate the book using only the above materials.

\*<u>NOTE</u>: The book can be raised by placing the plastic bag under the book and blowing air into the bag with the straw. Find further evidence of air pressure being used to elevate objects.

- 2) Have a relay race between two teams. A member from each team blows in a sandwich bag with a straw. When the bag expands, and pushes against the car, the car moves. Then deflate the bag and blow again to push car. First car to the end wins. (Note: make it a short distance.)
- 3) Fill a glass with water. Place cardboard over the glass. <u>CAREFULLY</u> flip the glass upside down over the dish pan, insuring a secure hold of the cardboard against the glass. Remove your hand. (The cardboard should stay in place.)
- 4) Take two plungers of the kind that are used to force water through drains.Thoroughly wet both plungers and push them together. Have the students try to pull them apart.

# FLOATING ON AIR

Objectives:	To construct and compare the effects of different parachutes on the speed of falling objects.
Materials:	Cloth <u>or</u> handkerchiefs or coffee filters of different sizes, string, small objects which can be tied to the string (EX: erasers, tiny toys, pencils).
Skills:	Constructing, collecting data, hypothesizing
Time:	45 minutes

Instructional Methods:

 Secure the four corners of the cloth with string. Attach one of the objects to the string. Drop two similar objects from the same height -- one with a parachute, the other without a parachute. Observe which objects fell to the ground first. Do the above procedure using two different sized parachutes. Which falls first?

<u>NOTE</u>: Discuss the role the parachute plays in the safety of a person jumping from a plan<u> $\infty$ </u> in the recovery of a space capsule.

2) Using the above procedure, try different shapes and quantities of parabutes. Note the difference of descent rates.

### USING AIR: DRAG, THRUST, GRAVITY, LIFT

Objectives:	To discuss the concept of drag, thrust, gravity and lift.	
Skills:	Observing, measuring, experimenting.	
Time:	Four 40 minute periods	
DRAG:		
Materials:	Large sheet of lightweight cardboard, umbrella, 2 identical sheets of paper, aluminum foil marble.	
Instructional Methods:		
1)	Have students run with a large square of lightweight cardboard held flat against the wind. Repeat with the edge against the wind. Observe the difference in the amount of resistance.	
2)	Give student volunteer a closed umbrella. Have her/him hold the umbrella behindhem and run. Observe the amount of <u>drag</u> on the umbrella. Open the umbrella. Hold it behind and run	

3) At the same time, drop two identical sheets of paper - one flat, one crumpled. Observe the effect of air resistance on the rate of fall. Why?

quickly. How does the amount of drag change? Why does this happen?

### THRUST

Materials: Fan, small wagon, balloons, lightweight toy.

- 1) Place a fan in a small wagon. Ask students to notice the movement of the wagon when the fan is turned on. What direction does the wagon move?
- 2) Have students blow up balloons and hold the opening tightly closed. Ask them to release their hold on the opening and notice what the air feels like on their hand as the balloon is released. What direction does the air move in? Why, when it has released all its air, does it fall? What makes the balloon go?
- 3) Fasten an inflated balloon to a small, lightweight toy so that when air is released, the toy will move forward. In what direction is the air moving?

## **<u>GRAVITY</u>**:

Materials: Pencil, rock, ball, jump rope, paper clip, ruler

#### Instructional Methods:

- 1) Ask, one of your students to jump into the air and stay there. Discuss why she or he can't do that. Discuss what would happen without gravity.
- 2) Drop a pencil, rock and a ball. Discuss why they come down.
- 3) Have a student jump rope. Discuss why the rope can be "turned."
- 4) Compare the speed of two falling objects of identical size and shape, but different weight.

#### LIFT:

Materials: Sheets of paper, books, drawing of air-flow over and under airplane wing, strong, 2 pingpong balls, rulers and index card.

#### Instructional Methods:

- 1) Prepare a bulletin board showing how air flows over and around an airplane wing. Use for reference.
- 2) Have students hold a piece of paper just below the lower lip. Ask them to blow across the top and observe that the paper rises as the pressure on the top of the paper is reduced by the movement of the air.
- 3) Suspend a length of paper loosely between two piles of books. Blow across the top of the paper. What happens?
- 4) Suspend two sheets of paper about 2.5 cm (1") apart between two stacks of books. Blow between the sheets of paper. Notice what happens. (Papers come together.)

### Additional Discussions:

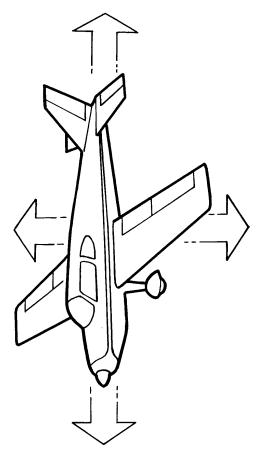
Discuss with students the notion that people had to wait until they cold design an aircraft with sufficient power, lift and stability before a heavier-than-air craft could be developed. Discuss the four forces that act upon a plane flying in the atmosphere: Lift, gravity, thrust, and drag, and use the worksheet with the explanations on it for reference.

Trust may be produced by enginedriven propellers, jets or rockets

plane forward motion. which gives an air-THRUST is a force created by a power source

produced by the attraction of The weight of the airplane is gravity.

surface of an airplane's wing causing the wing to LIFT is an upward force that acts against gravity because of a partial vacuum created above the be "lifted" upward.



GRAVITY is a force which pulls downward

on the plane.

THE FORCES INVOLVED IN FLYING A PLANE

flowing over the wing surfaces difference in the speed of air Lift is produced by (a) the and (b) the angle of attack.

forward movement of an airplane through the air. It is a of friction which slows the backward force that works DRAG is the resistance the air offers because against thrust.

Drag may be reduced by streamlining the shape of the plane.

# **THOSE FUNNY FORCES!!**

Objectives: To identify forces involved in flying a plane: thrust, drag, lift, gravity.

- Materials: Worksheet next page
- Skills: Recalling
- Time: Open

Instructional Methods:

- 1) Review definition for thrust, drag, lift, and gravity.
- 2) Use the worksheet as an evaluational tool.

# **ANSWER KEY For Worksheet (page 24)**

1 - Drag	8 - Drag
2 - Thrust	9 - Thrust
3 - Thrust	10 - Gravity
4 - Drag	11 - Lift
5 - Gravity	12 - Drag
6 - Lift	13 - Thrust
7 - Drag	14 - Drag

#### FORCES INVOLVED IN FLYING A PLANE

Which word fits the blank, choose from:

LIFT DRAG THRUST GRAVITY

- The forward movement of the plane is slowed down by \_\_\_\_\_. 1. 2. An airplane gets its forward motion from \_\_\_\_\_. 3. Jets or rockets can produce \_\_\_\_\_. 4. The resistance the air offers is called \_\_\_\_\_\_. A downward force is \_\_\_\_\_. 5. An upward force is \_\_\_\_\_. 6. 7. Friction results from \_\_\_\_\_, A backward force is \_\_\_\_\_. 8. A power source is created by \_\_\_\_\_. 9. 10. The weight of the plane is caused by \_\_\_\_\_. The force that acts against gravity is \_\_\_\_\_. 11. 12. The force that works against thrust is \_\_\_\_\_. 13. Propellers produce \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 14. The difference in air speed over the wing surfaces produces \_\_\_\_\_\_.

# **UNIT IV**

# AIRCRAFT

The flight of birds of all kinds, as well as insects, caught the eye of men long ago. They watched birds gracefully soar and float through the air and desire to fly too.

It took many generations before man could successfully imitate the flight of birds. Leonardo da Vinci designed several flying machines but never made a working model. Many other men designed and built machines that could fly, but could not sustain flight.

In 1903 at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the Wright brothers built and designed their own engine and glider which could carry a man in full flight. They had succeeded. They used the lifting effect of wind on curved wings.

Today, military aircraft exceed 2000 miles per hour. Other aircraft cross the United States in less than four hours.

Many types of aircraft are available today. They are always of great interest to youngsters and grown-ups. Visits to airports are exciting for everyone - and also learning about and identifying aircraft and spacecraft. The units about "aircraft" are only a beginning, but may lead to a lifelong interest.

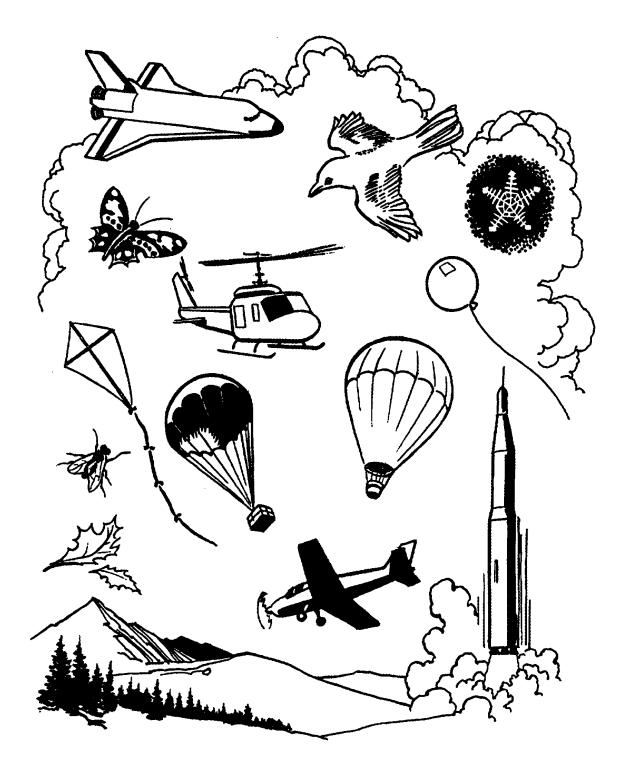
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# HOW HIGH???

Objectives:	To improve observation and classification skills.	
Materials:	Worksheets	
Skills:	Observation, classification, and recalling	
Time:	3 class periods. Two field trips and classroom follow-up activities.	
Instructional M	lethods:	
1)	Trip to a museum or airport to look at airplanes.	
2)	Take a walk outside. See if the children can find any objects from nature that are flying.	
3)	Duplicate the worksheet. Discuss the various pictures. Ask for similarities and	

man made objects.

- differences. Are they <u>ALL</u> alike? Are they all different?
  4) Classifying the pictures into two categories: those objects found in nature and
- 5) After looking at the pictures, have the children cut out man made flying objects and flying objects from nature magazines. Make a lotto game.



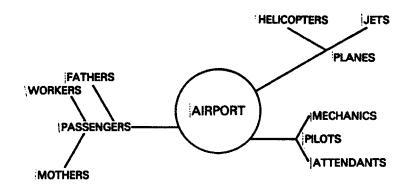
# A TRIP TO THE AIRPORT

- Objectives: To observe that the airport is a system composed of sub-systems involving a variety of jobs. To point out the parts of the airplanes.
- Materials: Books on airports and airplanes.
- Skills: Observing, participating, and investigating.
- Time: Field trip

Instructional Methods:

- Discuss: Ask if they've ever been to an airport. What did they see? What would they like to know? Create a semantic web\*.
- 2) Discuss various things to be seen on the tour:
  - a) People working at <u>many</u> different jobs
  - b) Various sizes of planes
  - c) The control tower
  - d) A hanger
  - e) Runways
  - f) The terminal

\* A semantic web is a visual record of a brainstorming session where all children are encouraged to contribute words related to a particular topic which is written in a circle in the middle of the board. Description words are written on the perimeter of the circle.



# AIRPORT CORNER

Objectives: To role play airport activities.

Materials: Develop an airport corner. Have old baggage/suitcases, baggage tickets, airplane tickets, pilot hats, steward/stewardess uniforms, a large posterboard with dials on it for airplane controls, trays and play food and plates for steward/stewardess to serve, chairs for plane seats.

Skills: Role playing, observing, expanding vocabulary

Time: Use during free choice for duration of the unit.

## Instructional Methods:

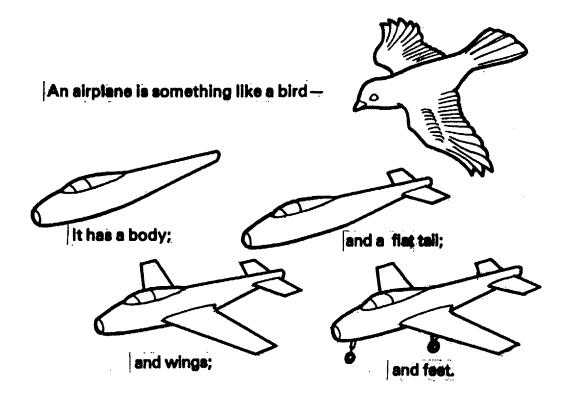
- 1) Before using corner, visit the airport and read stories about airports.
- 2) Let 4-5 children use the airport corner at one time during free choice period.
- 3) Have children draw pictures and write stories about airplane travel.
- 4) Take photos of the children in the airport corner. Write a class experience story.

# IT'S A BIRD ... IT'S A PLANE!!

- Objectives: To observe and describe similarities and differences between birds and planes; to understand people mimicking birds flying.
- Materials: Pictures of airplanes and birds in flight.
- Skills: Comparing and observing.

Time: 30 minutes.

- Compare pictures of birds and planes in flight. Notice the similarities and differences between birds' and planes' systems. EX: They both have bodies, flat tails, wings, and "feet." (See next page)
- Read the story/legend of Icarus who made wings of wax. Talk about men trying to fly like birds.
- 3) Show a movie of early aircraft by inventors that faled, or show the movie Goofy's Glider (appendix).



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# FUN WITH PLANES

Objectives:	To discover that changing configurations affect the flight of an airplane.
Materials:	Sheets of 8 1/2'' x 11'' paper (scrap paper can be used), 5 buckets, 5 small flags, graph paper, paper, pencil, clipboard.
Skills:	Observing, describing, measuring, manipulating variables
Time:	60-90 minutes

# Instructional Methods:

- Create paper planes.
   Number buckets from 1-5. Place them 5 feet apart. Children will fold paper planes and starting at a designated distance from the first bucket, launch the plane toward the bucket. Each child is given two chances per bucket. The object of the game is to get the plane inside the bucket on the first try.
- 2) Explain that we will be observing what happens as planes are sailed toward the target. Adapt the above procedures to accommodate the entire class.

# EXAMPLES:

- Divide the class into two teams and proceed with the above activity.
- One group may record the results on a graph while the other plays.
- Place some "hazards" on the course, such as one flag per bucket, greater distance between buckets, one chance per bucket, etc.

# NAME THAT PART

Objectives: To name the various parts of the airplane, and give operational definitions.

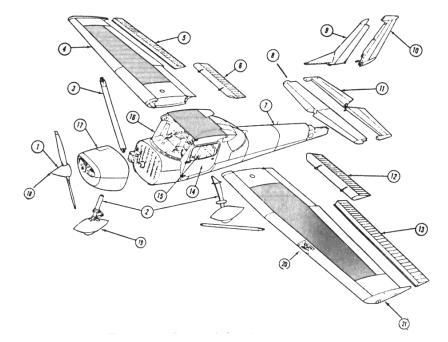
- Materials: Worksheets (following two pages), crayons, glue, cardboard, scissors, assembled plane to use as a model.
- Skills: Observing
- Time: 3 separate lessons

- 1) Go to a small airport. Look at the real airplanes. Have students point out the parts of the airplane.
- 2) Bring in or have the students make model airplanes. Have the students point out the parts of the airplanes.
- 3) Distribute the two worksheets. Discuss definitions and the location of the various parts. Extend the activity by having the children color specific parts. WORK SLOWLY TO AVOID CONFUSION.
- 4) Cut and paste pieces on cardboard. Arrange and assemble their own planes. Display as mobiles.
- 5) Discuss the concept of a system. Note that an airplane is a system composed of sub systems, such as wings, tail, fuselage, landing gear, etc. Sub-systems in turn have their own sub-systems such as the tail, which is made up of a rudder, horizontal stabilizer and the elevator.
- 6) Students create their own plane by changing wing configuration<u>or</u> elongating the fuselage, etc. Remembering the basic parts are crucial!

# PARTS OF AN AIRPLANE

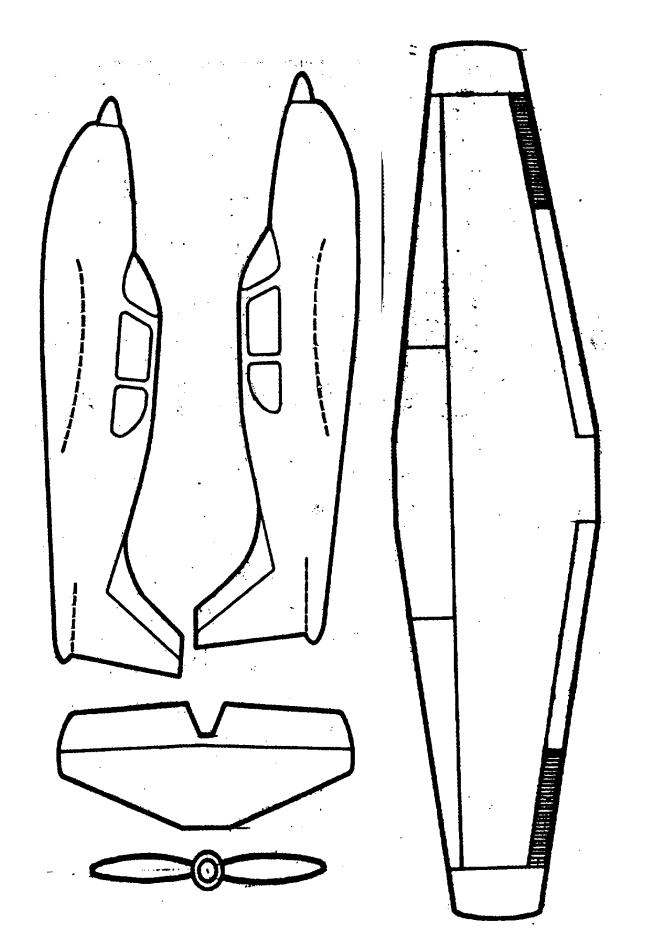
FUSELAGE	Central body portion of airplane. Designed to carry the crew, passenges or cargo.
COCKPIT	The space in the fuselage for the pilot and in a small plane for passengers.
CABIN	The space in the fuselage of a larger plane for passengers.
PROPELLER	A rotating blade on the front of the plane. The engine turns the propeller. The propeller most often pulls the plane through the air.
WINGS	The parts of the plane which provide lift and support the weight of the plane and its passengers, crew and cargo while the plane is in flight.
FLAPS	Movable sections of the place's wings closest to the fuselage. They move to enable the plane to fly more slowly.
AILERONS	Moveable sections of the plane's wings found on the outer part of the wing. They move in opposite directions (one up and one down) and are used to make turns. (bank)
RUDDER	The movable (vertical) section of the tail which controls lateral (side) movement. (Right & Left)
HORIZONTAL STABILIZER	The horizontal stabilizer is the horizontal (level) surface of the rear part of the fuselage. It is used to balance the airplane.
ELEVATOR	The moveable horizontal section of the tail which allows the plane to move up and down.
LANDING GEAR	Located underneath the plane, it allows the plane to land and supports it while on the ground.

# The Main Parts Of an Airplane



Propeller
 Landing Gear
 Wing Strut
 Wing
 Right Wing Aileron
 Right Wing Flap
 Fuselage
 Horizontal Stabilizer
 Fin and Dorsal
 Rudder
 Elevator

12. Left Wing Flap 13. Left Wing Aileron 14. Door 15. Seat 16. Windshield 17. Engine Cowl 18. Spinner 19. Wheel Cover 20. Landing Light 21. Wing Tip Light



# LABEL THOSE PARTS!!

Objectives:	To label the main parts of an airplane.
Materials:	Worksheet on the following page, construction paper, clue, scissors, 17 cards labeled with the main parts of a plane.
Skills:	Following directions, listening, locating.
Time:	30 minutes

- 1) Discuss the worksheet. Review the parts they know. Locate the word parts that are new.
- 2) Locate the parts on the diagram.
- Cut an airplane out of a magazine or draw an airplane and label all the parts. Paste construction paper. Use worksheets as a guide.
- 4) Students will organize into small groups and take a label relative to the parts of the airplane; when the word rudder is flashed, student labeled rudder" will pronounce the word and say: "I help the airplane turn."

# THE INCREDIBLE FLYING MACHINE

- Objectives: To list the names and characteristics of different aircraft and spacecraft.
- Materials: Worksheets, pencils, crayons
- Skills: Describing, comparing and matching
- Time: 30 minutes

- 1) Distribute worksheet (next page). Have the children describe characteristics of each aircraft, noting the similarities and differences.
- 2) Ask students if they have ever seen<u>or</u> ridden in any of these aircrafts. Describe their observations and/or experiences. Complete the worksheet.
- 3) Note that each object is made up of different parts. These basic parts put together make a system. (EX: A monoplane has<u>1</u> set of wings, body, wheels, propeller, etc.)
- 4) Distribute the worksheet and discuss each sentence. Match the pictures with the statements on the following page.

# ON OUR OWN

Objectives:	To observe that various airplane designs demonstrate different flight principles.
Materials:	Scrap paper, paper clips (for balance), scotch tape, glue/stapler.
Skills:	Constructing, testing, modifying

Time: 45 minutes

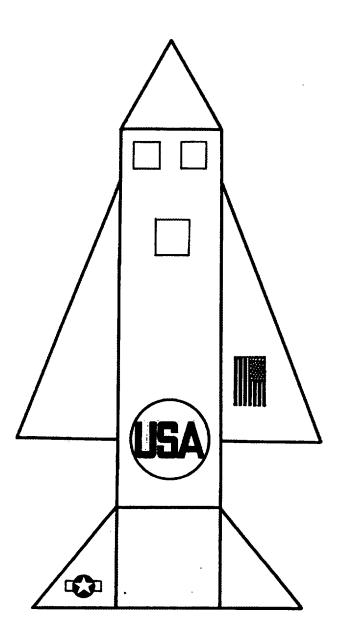
Instructional Methods:

- 1) Encourage the students to create their "own" airplanes. Ask the students to test their creation for accuracy, duration <u>or</u> aerobatics. Modify as necessary.
- <u>Accuracy</u>: Winner must fly the farthest along a given length.
   <u>Duration</u>: Winner must keep his/her plane in flight for a designated period of time.
   <u>Aerobatics</u>: The winner must perform a designated maneuver prior to the airplane's launch.
- 3) Discuss the observations of each maneuver. Where did the energy (motion) come from in the above categories?

# CAN YOU FIT THE SHAPES?

- Objectives: Review 3 basic shapes (triangle, circle, and rectangle/square). Create a rocket in space.
- Materials: Scissors, paste, crayons, black paper, colored construction paper, aluminum foil, sandpaper, glitter, markers and tissue paper. Picture of an entire rocket and a rocket divided into 8 pieces (5 triangles, 1 rectangle, 1 square, and 1 circle insert). See pages 4 and 5)
- Skills: Observation, motor coordination, creation of an art project.
- Time: Approximately 30 minutes

- 1) Duplicate the worksheet. Discuss the various shapes, noting triangles, circles, and rectangles (square).
- 2) Have children cut out the rocket and paste on black paper to simulate rocket in space. Then add moon, stars, sun, etc. out of the variety of materials.
- 3) Have the children cut out the rocket pieces and see if they can assemble them into a rocket.



# UNIT V

# **SPACE**

Outer space is known as the final frontier. The environment in space is unsuited to human beings. To survive during space travel, a person must be supplied with an environment similar to earth. Oxygen must be supplied inside a spacecraft to insure human survival. Also, heat, cold, weightlessness, food, water, etc. are special problems.

Space travel requires speeds as high as 18,000 miles per hour and more. Such high speed, in itself, is harmless. (The rotation of the earth moves at a speed greater than 700 miles per hour. The earth also carries us around the sun at a speed of about 66,000 miles per hour. Also, the solar system revolves around the center of our galaxy at about 43,000 miles per hour.)

# SPACE EXHIBIT

Objectives: To observe space exhibit at a museum. To draw pictures and write stories about the trip experience.

- Materials: Field trip to a space exhibit at a museum.
- Skills: Observing, developing and expanding vocabulary.
- Time: A half day.

Instructional Methods:

- 1) Read stories about astronauts.
- 2) Visit the Museum and observe the space exhibit.
- 3) Follow-up by drawing pictures and dictating or writing stories about space.

# SPACE LEARNING CENTER

Objectives:	To role play astronauts traveling in a spaceship.
Materials/ Set-up:	Set up one corner of the room for a spaceship. Make a cardboard construction with dials for operating the spaceship. Supply helmets and boots for the astronauts to wear as dress ups. Make play food for the astronauts. (obtain astronaut freeze dried food.)
Skills:	Increasing vocabulary related to astronauts in space.
Time:	Free choice period for the duration of the unit.

- 1) After setting up the learning center, allow 3 to 4 students to select the center during free choice period. Have the center available for the duration of the unit.
- 2) Follow-up by having the students draw pictures and tell/write stories about space.

# ROCKETS

- Objectives: To discover that jets and rockets get their thrust from air molecules; to identify the combustion chamber as one part of an engine involved with thrust.
- Materials: Balloon, empty bottle, pan of water, hot plate.
- Skills: Observing
- Time: 20 minutes

Instructional Methods:

Place a pan of water on the hot plate. Inside, place an empty bottle secured with a balloon. Convey the idea that the air molecules in the bottle will move vigorously and bounce farther apart. The air expands, pushing against the bottle. What's likely to happen? Why?

# **SPACE COLONY**

Objectives: To cooperate in groups. To design a model space colony.

- Materials: Wood, cardboard, clay or play dough, construction paper, boxes, scissors, paint, markers, foil, glitter, etc.
- Skills: Designing, researching

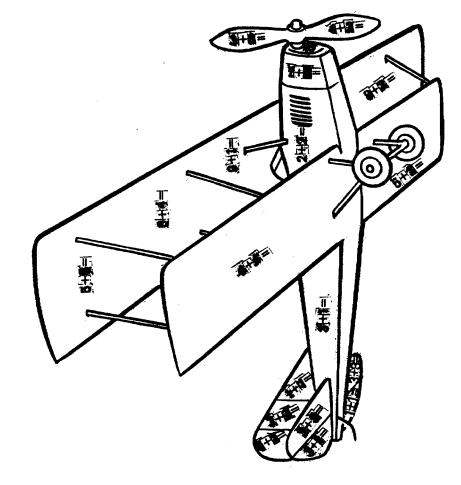
Time: 4 periods of 60 minutes

- 1) Divide students into groups. Have them research how people could live in space and then design and build their own space colony.
- 2) Have a space exhibit of all the different space colonies.

SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

Directions:

Put addition/subtraction problems on wings, fuselage, trial, propeller, etc. Students color plane parts. Students solve the parts as listed.



Color code:

10 - Red 8 - Blue 6 - Yellow 4 - Black 2 - Green 5 - Purple

# AIRCRAFT AND SPACECRAFT

A <u>Monoplane</u> is a plane - with one big wing.

**Balloons** are filled with hot air, which makes them go up.

A <u>helicopter</u> has a wing that rotates.

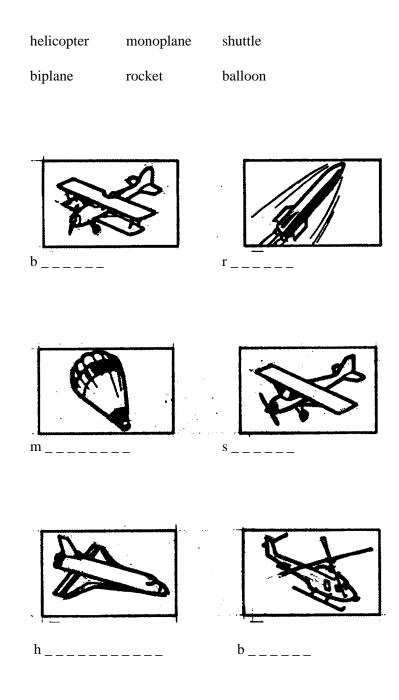
A <u>biplane</u> is a plane with two pair of wings.

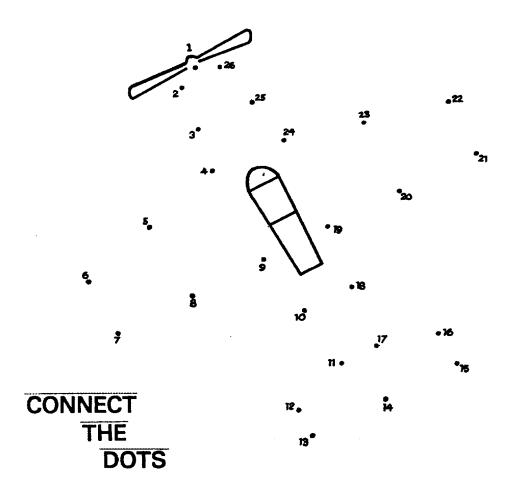
A rocket goes off far into space.

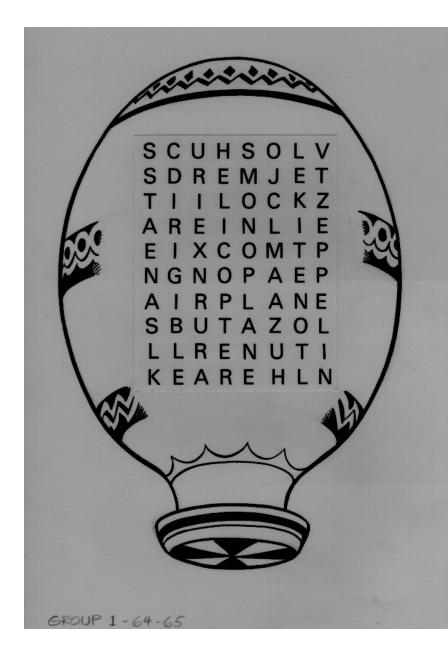
The space shuttle carries people into space and brings them home again.

# AIRCRAFT AND SPACECRAFT

Copy the word from the list that matches the drawing. Cut out drawing and match them with the description on the next page. Color the drawings and paste in place.

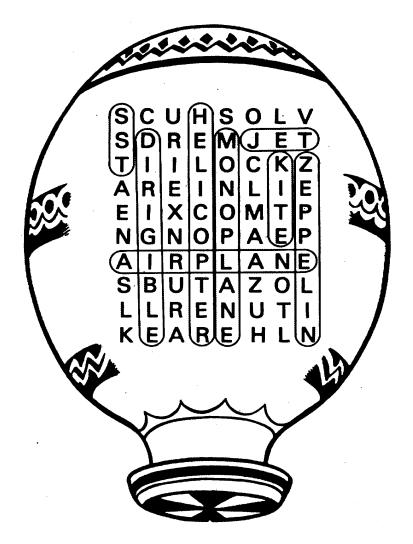






Searching for:

monoplane jet kite SST airplane helicopter dirigible zeppelin Key



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# **SPELLBOUND**

Add or subtract the letters to name the parts of an airplane.

- 1. west est + ing
- 2. den d + gift ft + nest st
- 3. rub b + dog og + desk sk + ray ay
- 4.  $\operatorname{Cook} \operatorname{ok} + \operatorname{pick} \operatorname{pi} + \operatorname{pit}$
- 5. property erty + elm m + l + er
- 6. aim m + less ss + romp mp + n
- 7. fit it + lag ag + are re + pen en
- 8. tame me + ill l

# SPELL BOUND KEY

Add or subtract the letters to name the parts of an airplane		
1.	west - est + ing	
	wing	
2.	den - d + gift - ft + nest - st	
	engine	
3.	rub - b + dog - og + desk - sk + ray - ay	
	rudder	
4.	cook - ok + pick - pi + pit	
	cockpit	
5.	property - $erty + elm - m + l + er$	
	propeller	
6.	aim - m + less - ss romp - mp + n	
	aileron	
7.	fit - it + lag - ag + are - re + pen - en	
	flap	
8.	tame - me + ill - l	

tail

Unscramble the following words to name people and places found in an airport.

wjtaye tilpo cnamheci xytwaia segpasrnes mapr tagne metrnail naghra

(cut here)

# KEY

Unscramble the following words to name people and places found in an airport.

wjatye	jetway
tilpo	pilot
cnamheci	mechanic
xytwaia	taxiway
segpasrnes	passengers
mapr tagne	ramp agent
metrnail	terminal
naghra	hangar

# AIRPORT COMPUTATION

- 1) If a round trip ticket from Houston to Chicago costs \$283.00 for an adult and \$112.00 per child, how much would it cost for two adults and two children to fly?
- 2) A plane left Tulsa with 98 passengers on board. At Kansas City, 42 boarded. How many passengers are on the plane now?
- 3) Sue's plane left St. Louis at 10:10 a.m. local time. She arrived in Sacramento at 2:34 p.m. local time. How long was Sue in the air?
- 4) A class is taking a tour of the city by airplane. The teacher's ticket will cost \$12.00. Each student will have to pay \$4.00. How much will it cost a class of 10 students and 1 teacher?
- 5) A plane's crew consists of ten people. If there are three flight attendants in first class, a pilot, co-pilot, and a flight engineer, how many flight attendants are in second class?

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# AIRPORT COMPUTATION KEY

1) If a round trip ticket from Houston to Chicago costs \$283.00 for an adult and \$112.00 per child, how much would it cost for two adults and two children to fly?

(\$566.00 + \$224.00 = \$790.00)

2) A plane left Tulsa with 98 passengers on board. At Kansas City, 42 boarded. How many passengers are on the plane now?

(98 + 42 = 140)

3) Sue's plane left St. Louis at 10:10 a.m. local time. She arrived in Sacramento at 2:34 p.m. local time. How long was Sue in the air?

(6 hours 24 minutes)

4) A class is taking a tour of the city by airplane. The teacher's ticket will cost \$12.00. Each student - will have to pay \$4.00. How much will it cost a class of 10 students and 1 teacher?

(\$40.00 + \$12.00 = \$52.00)

5) A plane's crew consists of ten people. If there are three flight attendants in first class, a pilot, co-pilot, and a flight engineer, how many flight attendants are in second class?

(4)

# COUNT THOSE SYLLABLES

altimeter	windshield
propeller	fuselage
baggage	navigator
ailerons	altitude
stabilizer	radar
helicopter	airport
biplane	mechanic
pilot	cargo
flight	engine

APPENDIX

# AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

# BONANZA WEST

Film (16 mm) A/V E.S.
Film depicts a trip to numerous national and state parks in the western part of the U.S. It is interesting from an aviation viewpoint and is, because of the scenery, enjoyable entertainment for the non-pilot. 20 min. Color.
Illinois Division of Aeronautics
One Langhorne Bond Drive
Springfield, IL 62706
217 753-4400

# GOOFY'S GLIDER

Film (16 mm) A/V E.S.
A Walt Disney cartoon showing that wellknown canine character involved in the problems surrounding the "do-it-yourself"
method of learning to fly a glider. A Walt
Disney Production. #SD-16-7052. 8 min.
Color.
Rental fee.
Soaring Society of America, Inc.
Film Library
R.D. #1, Harris Hill
Elmira, NY 14903
607 734-3128

## HOW AIRPLANES FLY

Film (16mm) A/V E.S.
What makes an airplane get off the ground and stay in the air? Easy to understand film combines animation and live sequences to explain basic aerodynamics. Forces of lift, weight, thrust and drag are shown in relation to flight. 18 min. Color. FAA Film. #11131
Modern Talking Picture Service, Inc.
FAA Film Series
5000 Park Street, N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33709

# WINGS FOR ROGER WINDSOCK

Film (16mm) A/V E.S.
An animated story of a boy who dreams of piloting early airplanes and of the exciting adventures of an airplane pilot. A good film to stimulate the interest of youth in aviation. Also shows various aviation careers. #SD-16-6051. 15 min.
B&W. Rental fee.
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