Indian School Nizwa

Class-IV, **English -** Worksheet
Comprehension

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Comprehension

A dream come true

For thousands for years people dreamed of flying but thought it was impossible. Even in 1900 many scientists said that flying machines were impossible because they were too heavy to leave the ground. However, only three years later the impossible dream come true.

The first successful flying machine was built by two young men. Orville and Wilbur Wright, in the USA It was a strange-looking, delicate thing with four wings and single engine. The first flight lasted only 12 seconds-but it changed the world.

Newer and better aeroplanes were soon invented. In 1909, Louis Bleriot flew across the English Channel. In 1927, the first solo flight across the Atlantic was made by Charles Lindbergh.

Passenger planes were developed in the 1920s. Many of the first passenger planes were modelled on First World War bombers. In the 1930s, passenger travel took a great leap forward with the invention of the flying boat. This was safer, more comfortable and could travel a lot further. The jet engine was invented by the British engineer, Frank Whittle, in the 1920s but the idea wasn't used until later. In 1952, the first passenger jet was introduced to the world. These passenger jets were called 'airliners'.

Today, hundreds of airliners are flown every day all over the world. They are safe and reliable and can fly at great speeds. One of the largest planes in the world is the Boeing 747, or the Jumbo Jet, which can carry up to 600 passengers.

One of the fastest planes is the Concorde, which was first tested in 1969 and can fly three times faster than the speed of sound and can cross the Atlantic in only three hours.

It is now impossible to imagine a world without these amazing 'flying machines.'

Fill in the blanks with information from the passage.

a. The first man to fly across the English Channel was _____

b. The first solo trans-Atlantic flight was made by _____

c. The jet engine was invented by _____

Tick the right answer.

a. The flying boat was
   i. a boat [ ]
   ii. an aeroplane shaped like a boat [ ]
   iii. a passenger plane [ ]

b. Jumbo means
   i. a very large person or thing [ ]
   ii. an elephant [ ]
   iii. a small person [ ]

c. A Boeing 747 is called a jumbo jet because
   i. it can carry up to 600 people [ ]
   ii. it goes very fast [ ]
   iii. it is one of the biggest aeroplanes in the world [ ]

List the different kinds of planes named in this passage.

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Why do people like to travel by air?

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From the passage, write the opposites of these words.

a. Possible x _____

b. last x _____

Tick the correct answer. The words in italics are taken from the passage.

a. Which of the following is impossible?
    i. jumping through a ring
    ii. climbing a tree
    iii. touching the sky
    iv. all three

b. Which of the following could be called delicate?
    i. a tiny flower
    ii. a tower
    iii. a baby
    iv. i and iii

c. Which of the following can be imagined?
    i. fairies
    ii. air
    iii. ghosts
    iv. i and iii

d. Which of the following were invented?
    i. cars
    ii. love
    iii. aeroplanes
    iv. i and iii

Composition

If you were to get an air ticket to anywhere in the world, where would you like to go and why?

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