



Charles Lindbergh

• Reading Comprehension •

Activity **1** Stop and Think

Read the paragraphs.
Stop and think as you read.

Good readers are active readers.
Good readers stop and think about what they are reading. Active reading helps readers understand the ideas.

The trip is hard. Lindbergh has to stay awake for about 40 hours. No one can help him.

Stop and think: Have you ever stayed awake for a long time?
Describe your experience.

He feels tired many times. Sometimes, his eyes close. Lindbergh shakes off sleep and keeps flying.

Stop and think: Imagine you are Lindbergh.
How do you shake off sleep?

It takes Lindbergh 33 ½ hours to reach Paris. Lindbergh thinks about two things. He wants to land his plane. Then he wants to sleep. Lindbergh does not know what waits for him in Paris. Over 100,000 people wait for Lindbergh to land.

Stop and think: Why do you think so many people want to see Lindbergh land his plane?



Activity 2 Main Idea and Details



Good readers can find the main idea and details.

The main idea is the important idea. The details support the main idea.

The details help you understand and remember the main idea.

Check the details that support each main idea.

The first one is an example.

Main idea	Details
As a boy, Lindbergh loves nature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lindbergh likes to hunt. Lindbergh grows up in Little Falls. ✓ Lindbergh likes to fish.
1. Lindbergh lives his dream of flying.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a)___ Lindbergh becomes a pilot. (b)___ Lindbergh flies from New York to Paris. (c)___ Lindbergh dreams as a boy.
2. Lindbergh suffers some hard times.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a)___ Lindbergh learns to depend on himself. (b)___ Lindbergh's child is killed. (c)___ Lindbergh's family does not feel safe.

Activity 3 Invisible Messages



Writers do not always explain everything.

Sometimes, writers expect readers to read between the lines. Writers expect readers to figure out the invisible messages.

Read the writer's words.

Figure out the invisible message.

The writer's words	The invisible message
The "Spirit of St. Louis" is not built for comfort.	The trip will be uncomfortable. Flying a light plane is more important than comfort.
1. It is the night before the trip. Lindbergh sleeps only three hours.	
2. During the flight, Lindbergh hears and sees "phantoms."	

Activity**4****Fact and Opinion****Read the sentences.****Write (F) for fact or (O) for opinion.**

- The pilot's seat is made of wicker. ____
The "Spirit of St. Louis" is not a safe plane. ____
- Lindbergh's father is wise. ____
Lindbergh's father teaches Lindbergh to depend on himself. ____
- Lindbergh is the greatest pilot ever. ____
Lindbergh is the first man to fly solo across the Atlantic. ____

Good readers know the difference between facts and opinions.

Facts can be proven.

Opinions are personal beliefs.

Activity**5****The Table of Contents****Read each question.****Look at the Contents page in your book.****Which chapter has the answer to the question?****Write the name of the chapter.****Find the answer to the question. Write the answer.**

Good readers use the Table of Contents.

The Table of Contents helps readers find information quickly.

Question	Chapter	Answer
Where is Lindbergh born?	Early Years	Little Falls, Minnesota
1. How far can Lindbergh's small plane fly?		
2. When does Lindbergh start his flight to Paris?		
3. What brings sorrow to Lindbergh's family?		

Activity

6

Make a Connection

Read the idea from the story.
Make a connection to your life.

Reading is more than understanding
the ideas on a page.

Good readers connect the ideas
to their lives.

Idea



Your Life

As a boy, Charles likes to dream.
He lies on his back in a field. He
looks at the clouds. He dreams
about flying a plane.

Some daydreams come true.

What makes them come true?
luck?
hard work?
planning?
having money?
praying?
something else?

What is your favourite daydream?
How does this daydream
make you feel?
Do you think your daydream
will come true?

Is it important that daydreams come true?
Why or why not?

What do you think about daydreaming?

Is daydreaming...
important in some way?
or a waste of time?



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• Writing •

Activity 1 Write Your Ideas

Complete these paragraphs about daydreams.
Use your ideas from page 8.

Your instructor will help you with spelling.

Good writers know that writing is a process.

Good writers think of ideas before they write.

Good writers check their writing.

Paragraph 1

People daydream because _____
_____. I think
daydreaming is _____ because
_____.

Paragraph 2

Some daydreams come true because _____
_____.
My favourite daydream will probably _____
true. I feel _____ about this because
_____.



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Read each paragraph out loud.
Which paragraph do you like better?
Copy the paragraph on the lines.
Check for capital letters and end punctuation.

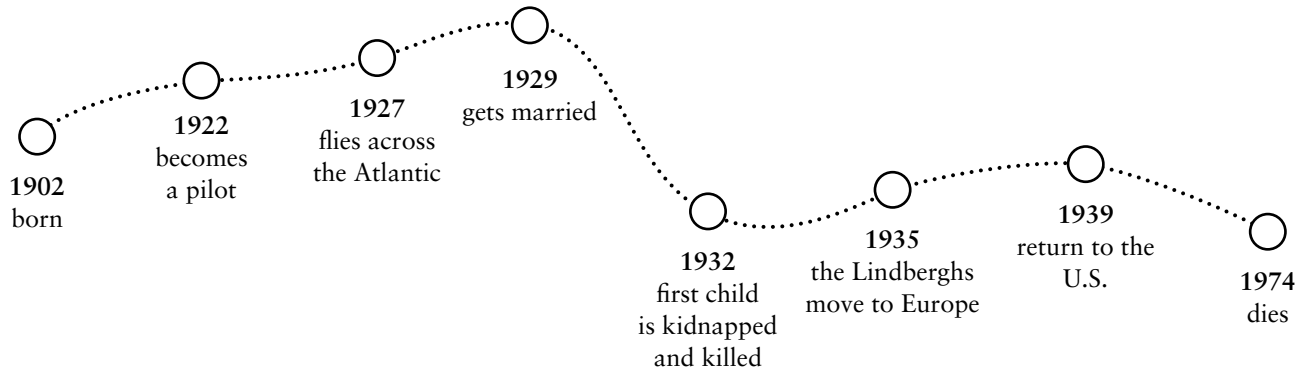
Activity 2 Organize Ideas



Look at the time line.

1. What is the topic of the time line?
2. How many events are on the time line?
3. Why does the time line go up and down?

Charles Lindbergh's Time Line



Good writers know that writing is a process.

Good writers organize their ideas before they write.

One way to organize ideas is to use time lines.

Use Charles Lindbergh's time line to complete the paragraphs.

Paragraph 1: A Dream Comes True

Lindbergh is born _____ . Lindbergh _____
_____ in 1922. Five years later, he _____
_____ .

Paragraph 2: Sad Times

Lindbergh _____ in 1929. His first child
_____ in 1932. Three
years later, the Lindberghs _____ .

Paragraph 3: Later Years

The Lindberghs _____ in 1939.
Charles Lindbergh dies _____ .

Think of your life
or the life of somebody you know.

Draw a time line.

Activity

3

Use Capital Letters and Punctuation



Read these sentences.

Circle the capital letters and end punctuation.

1. Where was Charles Lindbergh born?
2. He was born in Little Falls, Minnesota.
3. "The Spirit of St. Louis" is not built for comfort.
4. Lindbergh reaches Paris, France on May 22, 1927.

Read these sentences.

Add capital letters and end punctuation.

5. lindbergh leaves new york on may 20, 1927
6. the flight across the atlantic ocean is dangerous
7. a crowd waits for lindbergh in st. louis on june 18, 1927
8. why does a crowd wait for lindbergh
9. lindbergh travels to 48 states in the u.s.

Read these paragraphs.

Add capital letters and end punctuation.

Paragraph 1

it is march 1, 1932 lindbergh's son
is in bed a man climbs up a ladder the man
takes the child from the crib

Paragraph 2

the child's body is found two months later
the police arrest a man in 1934 the man's name
is bruno hauptmann

In this activity...

use capital letters

at the beginning of a sentence,
with names of people and places,
with names of specific things, and
with dates.

use punctuation

at the end of a sentence.

• Word Attack Skills •

Activity

1

Predict the Word



Complete each paragraph.

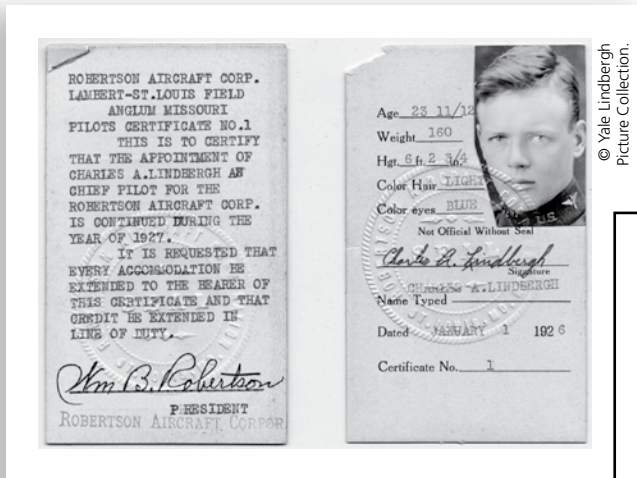
Use the pictures to predict the word.

Readers see new words all the time.
They need to decode the new words.

Good readers decode words
in different ways.

They use pictures to predict words.
They use meaning clues to predict words.

These are two ways to decode words.



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Paragraph 1

This is a pilot's _____ . It has a lot of personal _____ in it. Lindbergh's _____ is in the top right-hand corner.



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Paragraph 2

The police _____ hands. They form a _____ to keep the _____ away from the plane.

Complete each sentence.

Use meaning clues to predict the word.

1. Lindbergh cannot swim well. He might _____ in the water.
2. Lindbergh flies from New York to Paris. He draws his _____ on a map.
3. Somebody _____ Lindbergh's son. A man goes to jail for the crime.

Activity 2 Find Common Patterns

Look at each word in the box.
Each word has a common pattern.
Group the words under the correct pattern.

fight ✓ *option* *flight* *awake*
take *night* *shake* *action*
station *make* *nation* *light*

Good readers look for common patterns in words.
This is another way to decode words.

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fight

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Read the sentences in the box.
Circle the words that have one of these patterns:

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Many words have common patterns.
The patterns look and sound the same.

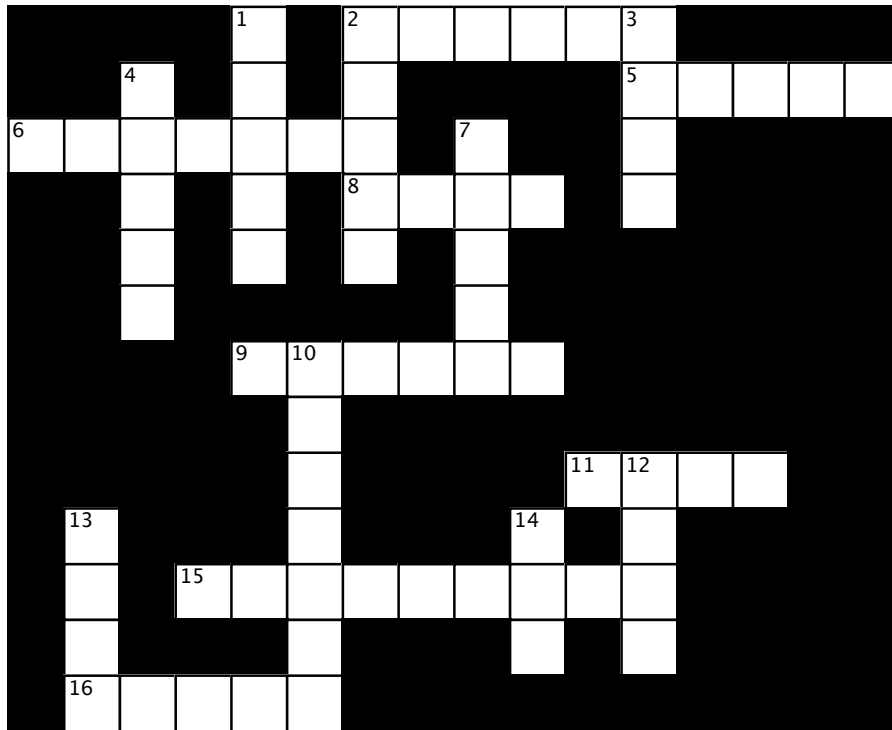
Find the Common Patterns



1. Lindbergh's plane is small and light.
2. Lindbergh's flight ends at night in Paris.
3. There are no gas stations in the Atlantic.
4. Lindbergh has no option. He flies for 33½ hours.
5. Lindbergh shakes off sleep.
6. He makes history in his small plane.

• Crossword •

Charles Lindbergh



Crossword Clues

All the answers to the clues are from Charles Lindbergh's biography.

ACROSS

2. we climb this; it has rungs
5. not asleep
6. the sun comes up at this time of day
8. not easy
9. white fluffy things in the sky
11. a small bed for a baby
15. opposite of safe
16. we do this with dice before we throw them

DOWN

1. something we get if we win a contest
2. not heavy
3. we can float on this; it is made of logs tied together
4. this might happen to a weak, tired swimmer
7. a big group of people
10. this piece of paper says we can fly a plane
12. take a chance
13. part of the body we use for seeing things
14. opposite of girl

• ANSWER KEY •



Charles Lindbergh

- Main Idea and Details:** (1) a, b (2) b, c
- Invisible Messages*:** (1) Lindbergh is excited about the flight. Lindbergh cannot stop thinking about the flight. Lindbergh is worried about the flight. (2) Lindbergh is very, very tired. Lindbergh starts to hallucinate.
- Fact and Opinion:** (1) F/O (2) O/F (3) O/F
- Table of Contents:** (1) The Spirit of St. Louis / 4,000 miles (2) The Flight / May 20, 1927 (3) The Crime of the Century / a man takes the child; the child is killed
- Organize Ideas:** (1) Charles Lindbergh's life (2) 8 (3) positive events go up and negative events go down
Paragraph 1: in 1902 / becomes a pilot / flies across the Atlantic **Paragraph 2:** gets married / is kidnapped and killed / move to Europe **Paragraph 3:** return to the U.S. / in 1974
- Use Capital Letters and Punctuation:** (1) Where was Charles Lindbergh born? (2) He was born in Little Falls, Minnesota. (3) "The Spirit of St. Louis" is not comfortable. (4) Lindbergh reaches Paris, France on May 22, 1927. (5) Lindbergh leaves New York on May 20, 1927. (6) The flight across the Atlantic Ocean is dangerous. (7) A crowd waits for Lindbergh in St. Louis on June 18, 1927. (8) Why does a crowd wait for Lindbergh? (9) Lindbergh travels to 48 states in the U.S. **Paragraph 1:** It is March 1, 1932. Lindbergh's son is in bed. A man climbs up a ladder. The man takes the child from the crib. **Paragraph 2:** The child's body is found two months later. The police arrest a man in 1934. The man's name is Bruno Hauptmann.
- Predict the Word*:** **Paragraph 1:** licence / information / picture **Paragraph 2:** hold; join / circle; ring; barrier; line / people; crowd (1) drown; sink; die (2) route; flight; path; trip (3) kidnaps; murders; kills; takes
- Find a Common Pattern:** (1) light (2) flight / night (3) stations (4) option (5) shakes (6) makes
- Divide and Conquer:** (1) fly (2) fall (3) close (4) plan (5) risk (6) become (7) small (8) return (9) take (10) follow (11) light (12) use (13) dream (14) danger (15) called / Falls (16) teaches (17) dreams / flying (18) becomes (19) plans / lighter (20) smaller (21) dangerous (22) plans (23) follows (24) takes (25) returned

*Accept any answer that makes sense.

