

Practice Race 3

The First Flight 3 13 In Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, there lived two brothers who wanted to fly. These brothers, Orville and Wilbur, had wanted to fly 25 38 in the air ever since they were young. Now that they were grown, 49 they were sure they could be the first men to fly. 60 One day, Orville and Wilbur started to build a machine. They 72 used many pieces of wood, and fastened them together to look like a tiny bike. Next, they attached larger pieces of metal to the bike to 86 96 make wings. Putting each piece together took a lot of 109 concentration, and it took Orville and Wilbur a long time to do it. 120 Orville and Wilbur finished their machine and gave it a try. 133 Wilbur jumped on the bike and began to pedal toward a steep ramp. 146 He pedaled faster and faster, and soon, he flew off the ramp and 149 into the air. 159 Unfortunately, he crashed loudly to the ground. The flight was 160 unsuccessful. 173 Wilbur and Orville went back to their shop to fix the bike. This 184 time, they decided they would make the wings larger. They hoped 197 that the larger wings would help the bike to soar through the air. 208 Orville built the wings, and Wilbur attached them. The bike was 212 ready for another try. This time, Orville and Wilbur waited for a windy day. Then, they 224 237 took the bike to a beach where it was windier than anywhere else. 249 They set up their ramp, and Orville climbed on the bike. He 260 pedaled toward the ramp with the wind pushing behind him. The 273 bike flew off the ramp, and Orville began to soar through the air. 278 The flight lasted 25 seconds! 290 When Orville landed, Wilbur ran up to him and smiled. The two 298 brothers had made a machine that could fly.







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