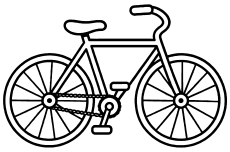
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The Wright Brothers

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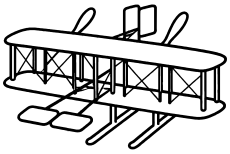
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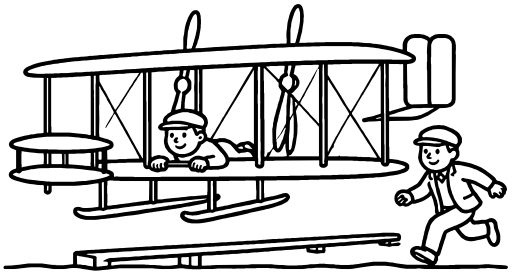


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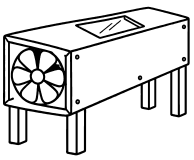
The Wright Brothers

Draw a line from each flying word to what it means.

glider	the person who flies a plane
engine	spinning blades that push or pull a plane through the air
propeller	the part of a plane that lifts it into the air
wind tunnel	a plane with no engine
pilot	a machine that makes the power to turn the propellers
wing	a box where air is blown over models to test them

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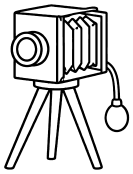
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Draw a line from each cause to its effect.

Cause		Effect
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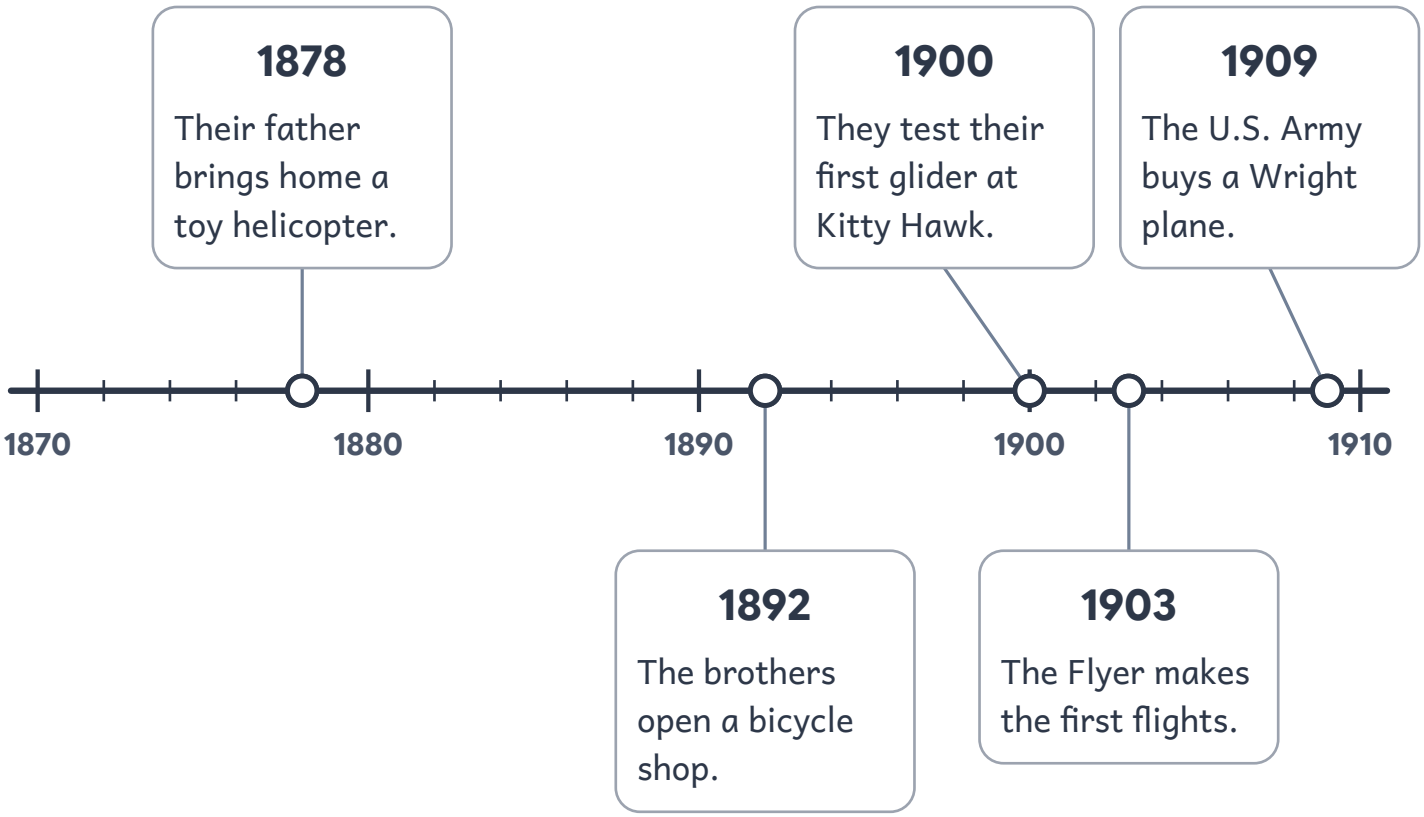
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The Wright Brothers

Read the timeline. Then answer the questions.



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2. How many years after their first glider did the Flyer make the first flights? _____ years

3. How many years after they opened the bicycle shop did they test their first glider? _____ years

4. How many years after the first flights did the U.S. Army buy a Wright plane? _____ years

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The Wright Brothers

Write a letter home from Kitty Hawk.

It is December 17, 1903. You saw the Flyer take off! Write a letter home. Tell what you saw and how it felt.

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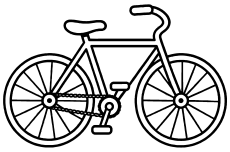
greeting Dear _____

body _____

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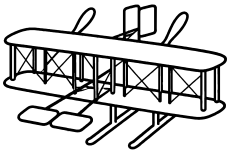
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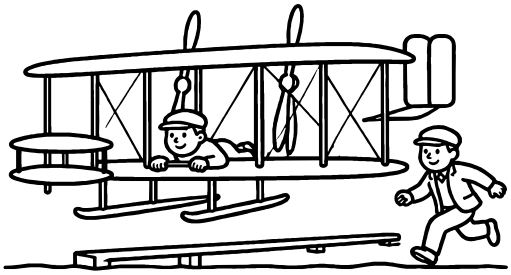


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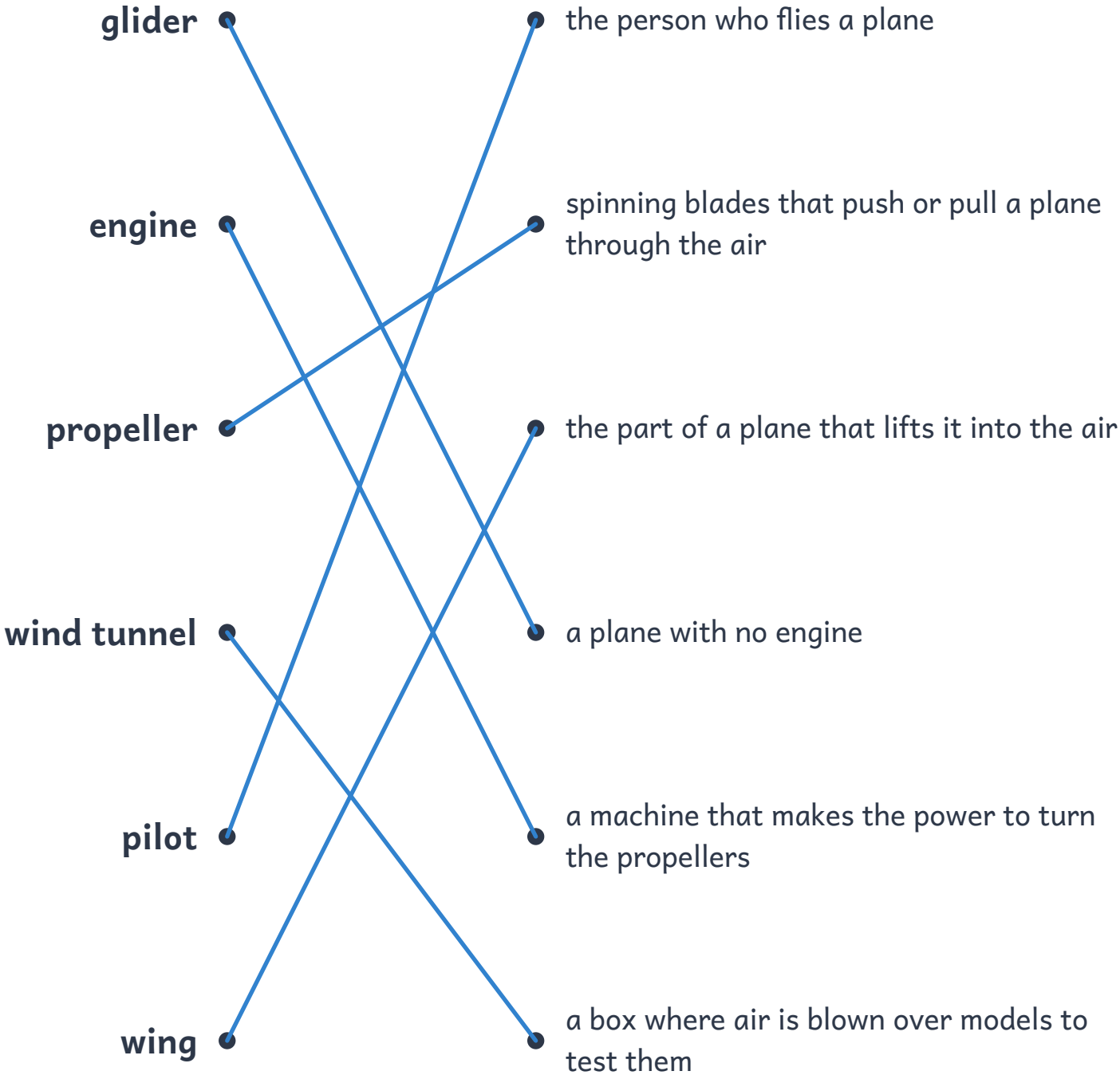
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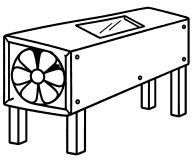


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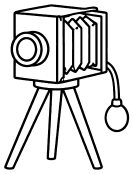


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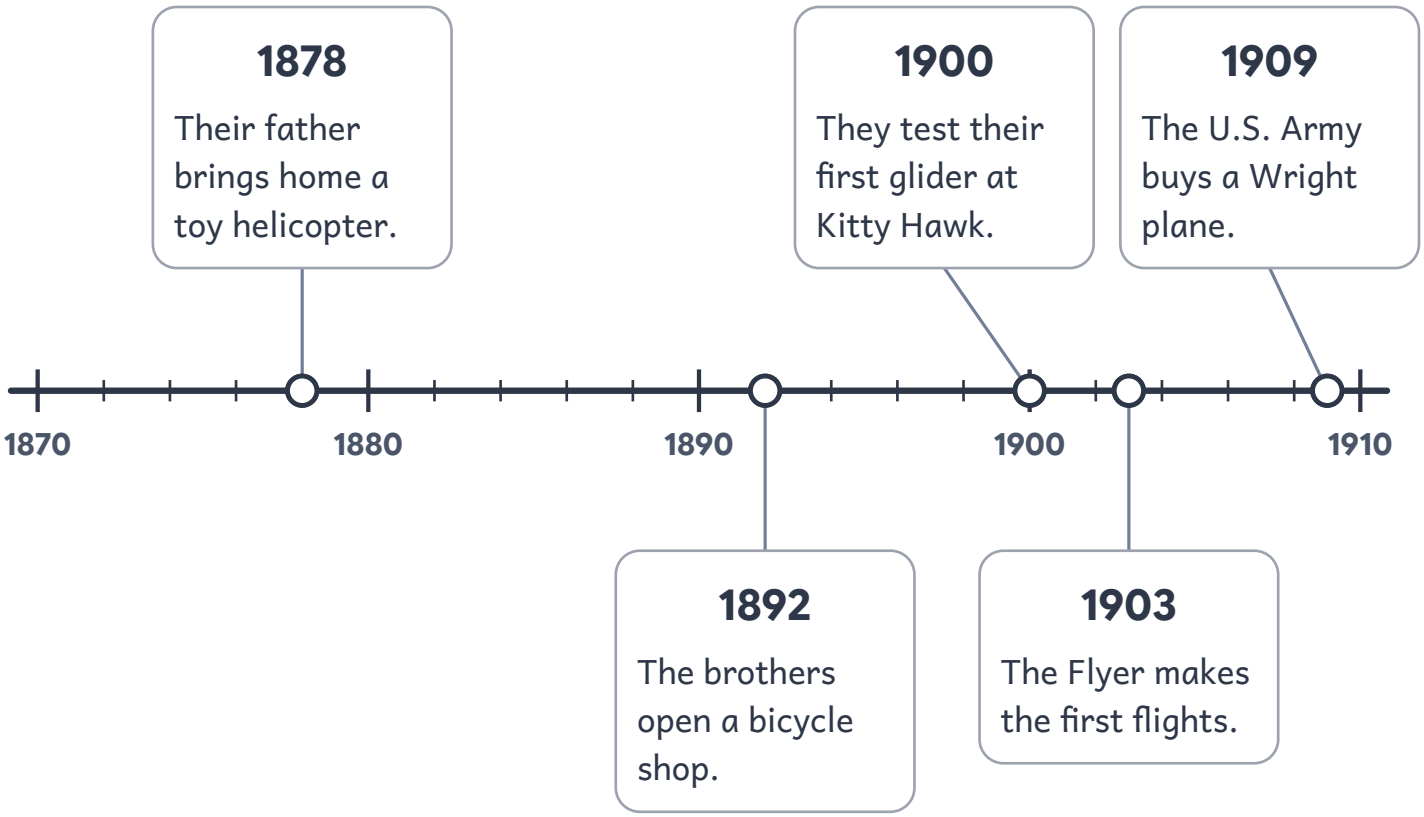
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4. How many years after the first flights did the U.S. Army buy a Wright plane? **6** years

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