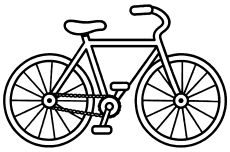
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The Wright Brothers

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3. A glider is a plane with no ____ **engine** **wings** **pilot**

4. Why did the brothers build a wind tunnel?

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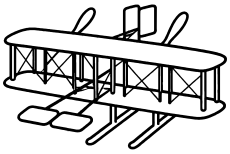
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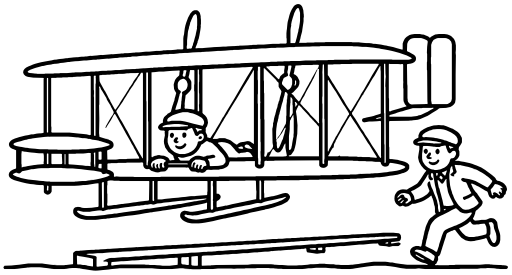


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2. The first flight lasted ___ **59 seconds** **12 seconds** **12 minutes**

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4. Why do we remember December 17, 1903?

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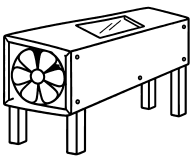
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Draw a line from each flying word to what it means.

glider	the person who flies a plane
engine	spinning blades that pull or push a plane through the air
propeller	the part of a plane that lifts it into the air
wind tunnel	a plane with no engine that rides on the wind
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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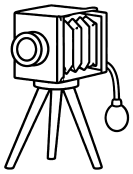
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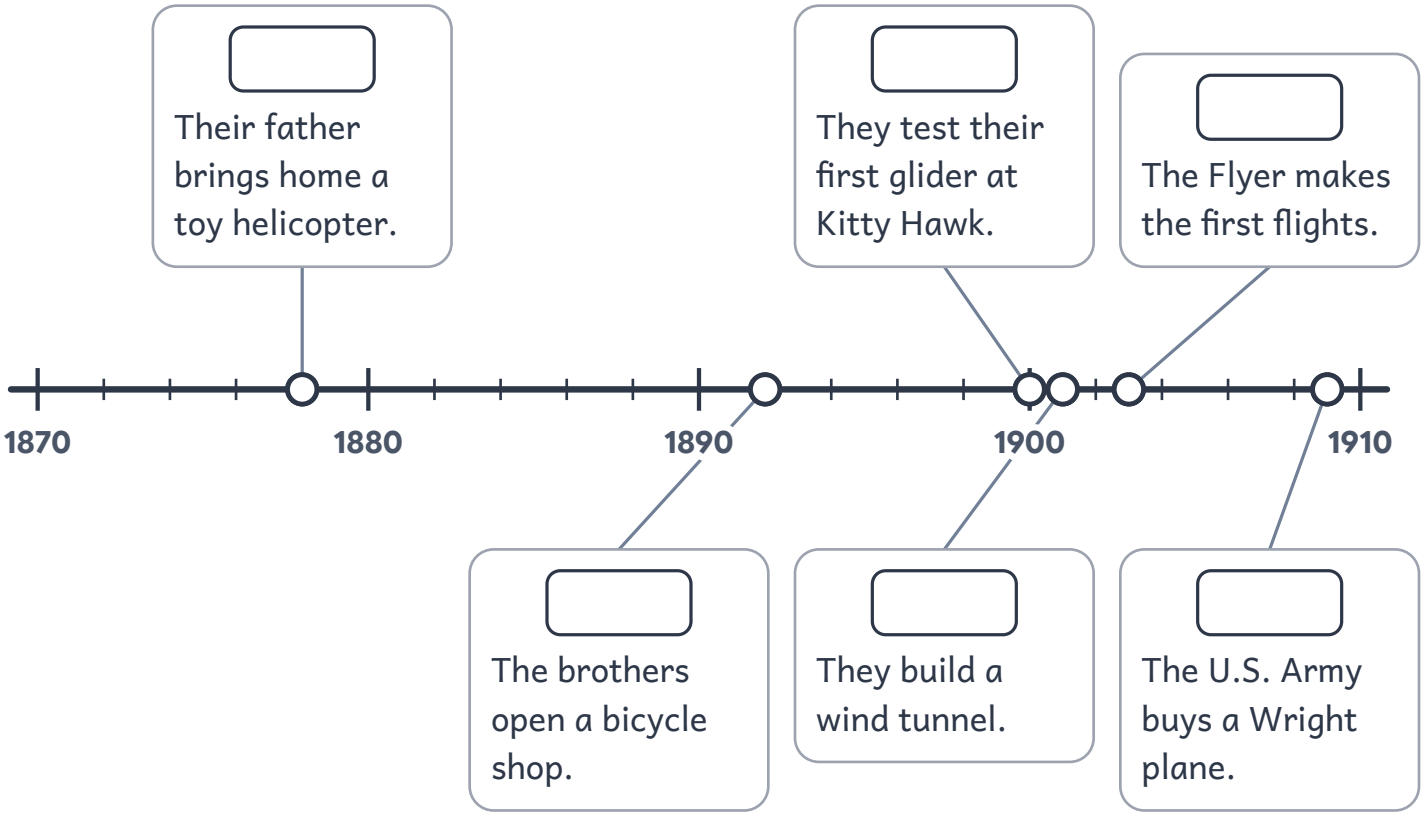
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The Wright Brothers

Write the year of each event. Then answer the questions.

Years: **1878** **1892** **1900** **1901** **1903** **1909**



1. How many years after the toy helicopter did the Flyer make the first flights? _____ years

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

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The Wright Brothers

Write a letter home from Kitty Hawk.

It is December 17, 1903. You were at Kill Devil Hills and saw the Flyer take off. Write a letter home telling what you saw and how it felt.

date _____

greeting Dear _____

body _____

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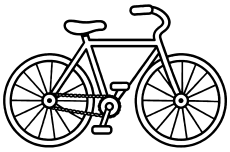
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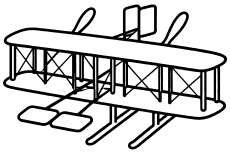
4. Why did the brothers build a wind tunnel?

To test wing shapes, as their gliders did not lift enough.

5. What did the brothers learn by watching birds?

Birds twist the tips of their wings to turn and stay level.

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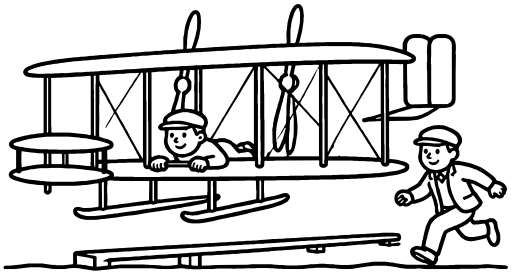


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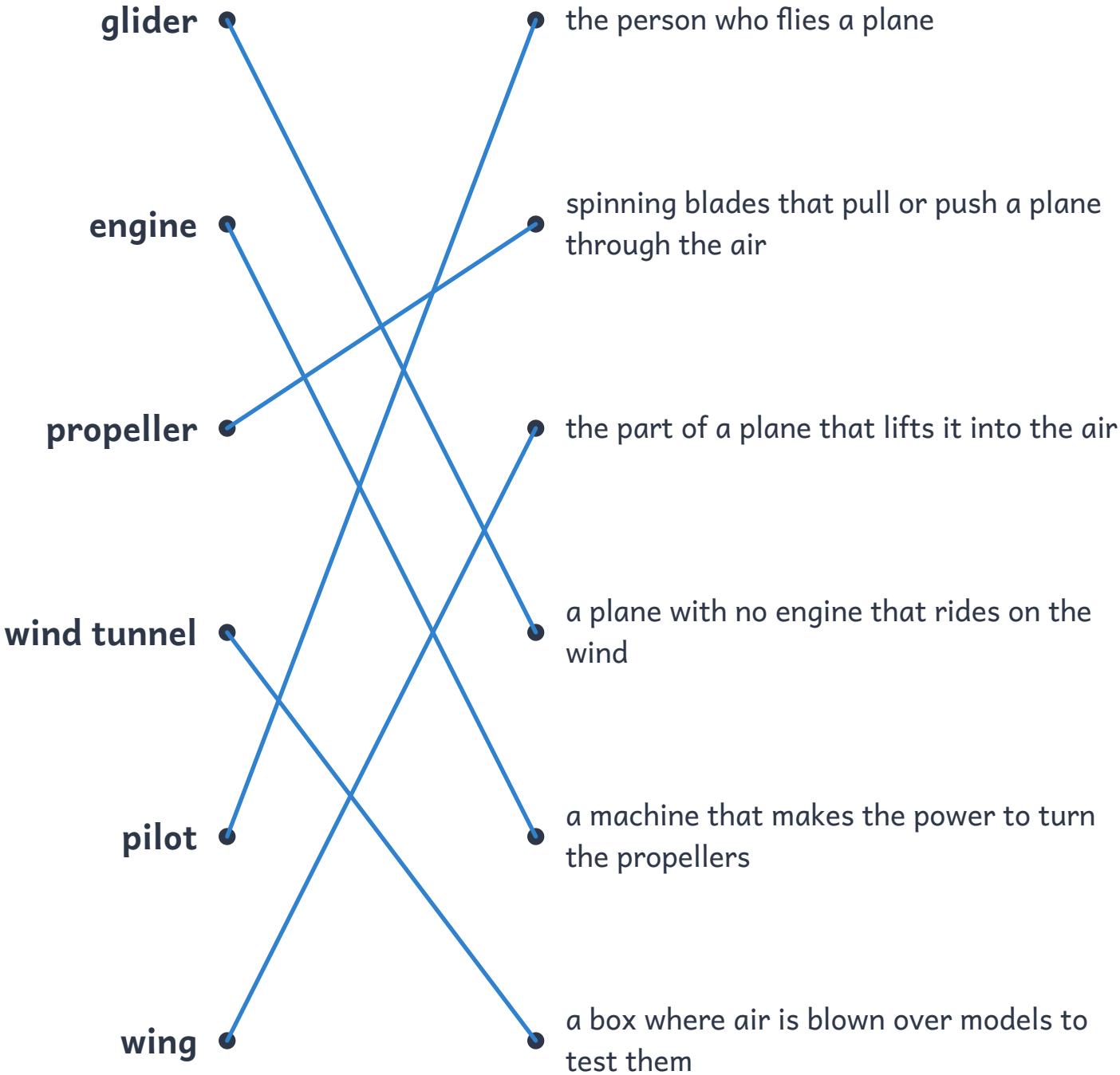
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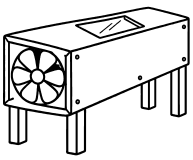


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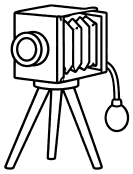


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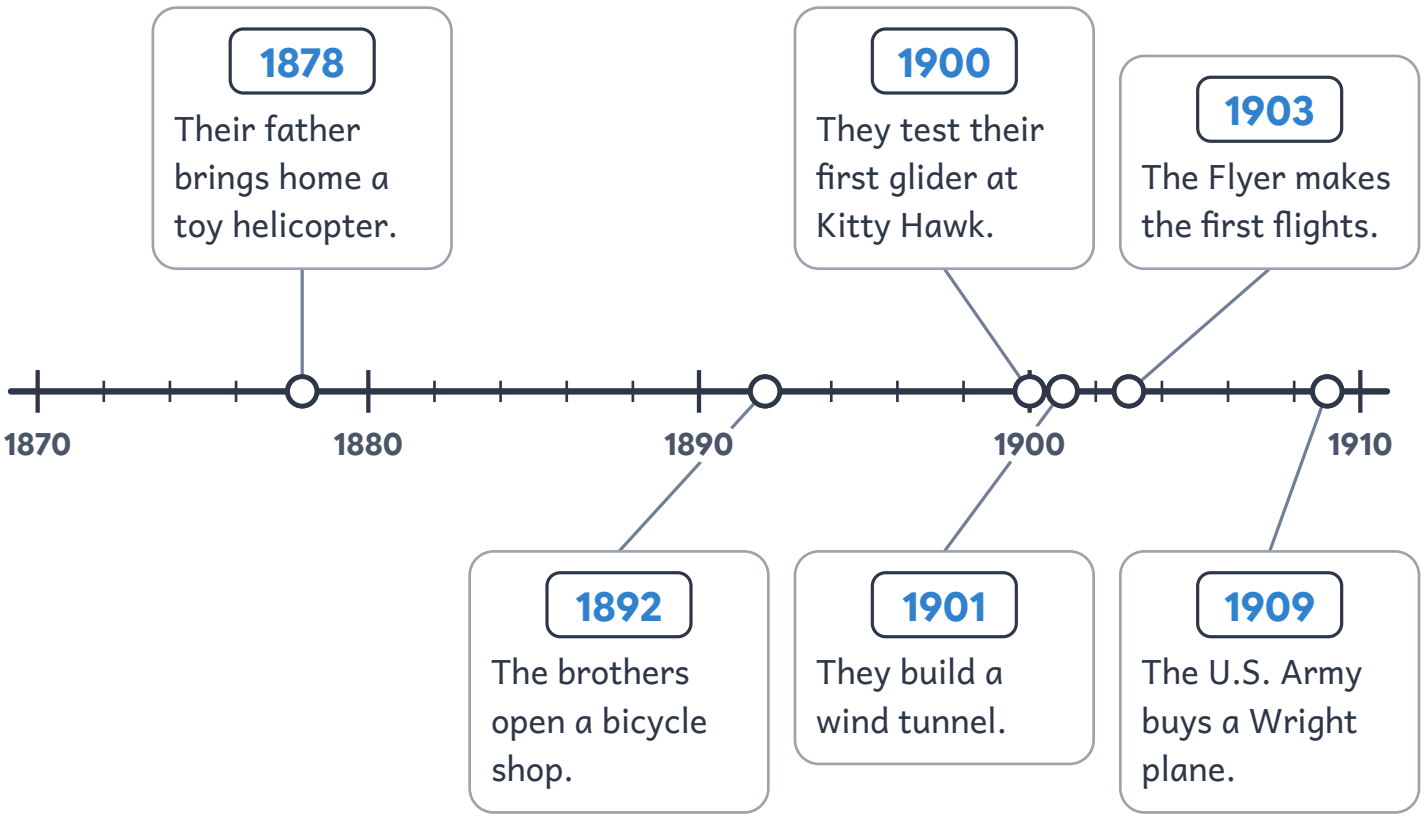
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The Wright Brothers

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Years: 1878 1892 1900 1901 1903 1909



1. How many years after the toy helicopter did the Flyer make the first flights? **25** years

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