



What's that in the sky? It's not a bird. It's flying so high! Can this paper plane fly that high? What about kites and hot-air balloons? Let's look at other things that can fly.



Hundreds of years ago, before we had balloons or planes, people flew kites. Chinese people made the first kites. You can see kites in the sky on windy days. Can you fly a kite?



Do you know that hot air goes up?
If you put hot air in a balloon, it goes up, too.
Look at these balloons. Can you see people in the baskets under the balloons? It's a fun way to fly.



This is not a hot-air balloon, it's an airship. The first airship flew in 1900. Airships had engines, so they flew faster than hot-air balloons. The biggest airships flew from Europe to America.



The first planes looked like this. They only carried one person. The Wright brothers flew the first plane in 1903. They didn't fly very far, but today we can fly all around the world in planes.



Today we use aircraft for many different things. We use them for travel, we use them for work, and we use them for fun. This plane is landing on the water. It can take people where cars can't go.



This is a hardworking plane. It can carry four hundred people halfway around the world without stopping. It's called a jumbo jet because it's so big. It needs a lot of space to take off and land.



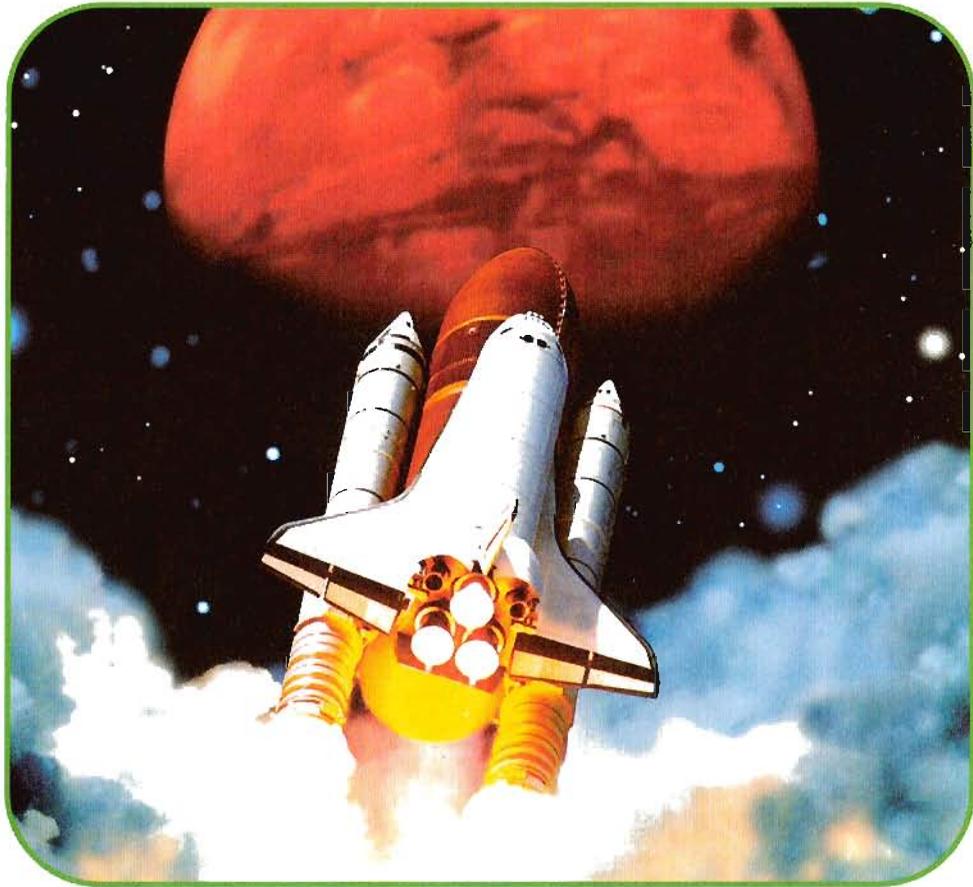
Helicopters are amazing. They can take off and land in a very small space. They can go straight up and come straight down. They can also hover. This helicopter is lifting a man out of the water.



To really fly like a bird you need to use a hang-glider. It's light like a kite, and it has wings like a bird. It doesn't need an engine. It uses the wind to help it glide through the air.



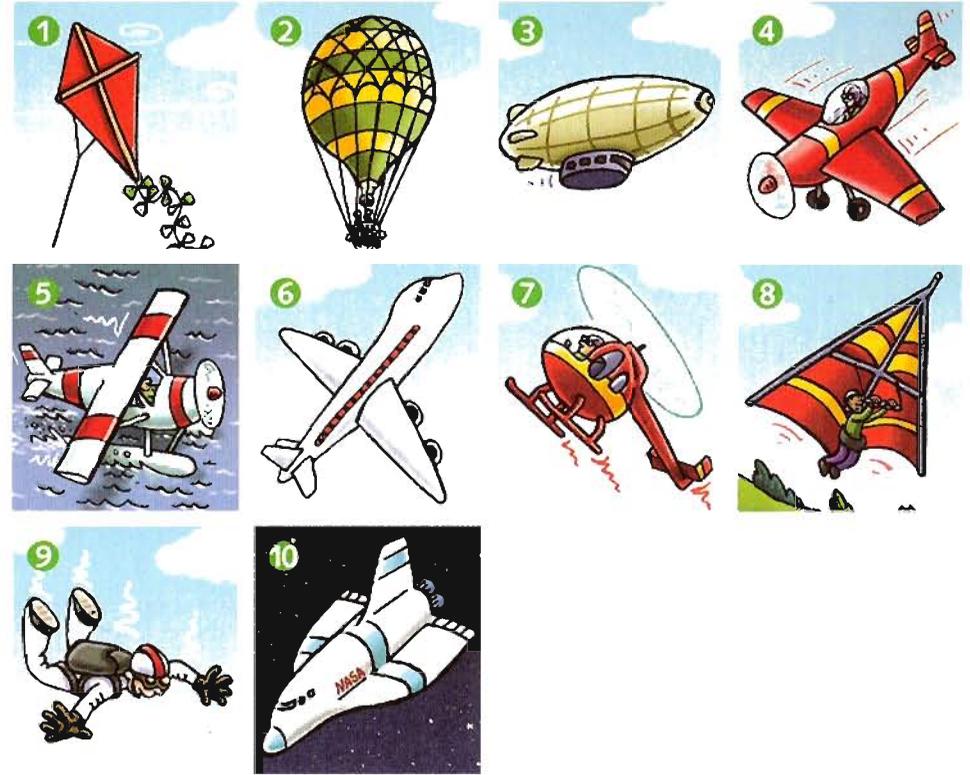
These skydivers go up in a plane. They all jump out together with parachutes in their backpacks. They make shapes with their bodies in the sky. Then they open their parachutes and glide down gently.



One day, perhaps, people will fly to Mars and back in a spacecraft just like this.

How do you like to fly? By hot-air balloon, helicopter, hang-glider, or jumbo jet? Which do you choose?

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