

Answer the following questions:

RECALL

1. What explanation text did you read on Tuesday?
2. What did you learn from this text?

LO: HOW TO WRITE A GOOD EXPLANATION TEXT

Some will even answer questions about how the text was written.
Some will answer questions about the text.
Most will summarise the explanation text.
All will read an explanation text.

GUIDED PRACTICE

Today, you will read another example of an explanation text. You will need to answer some questions about the text and about author's intentions.

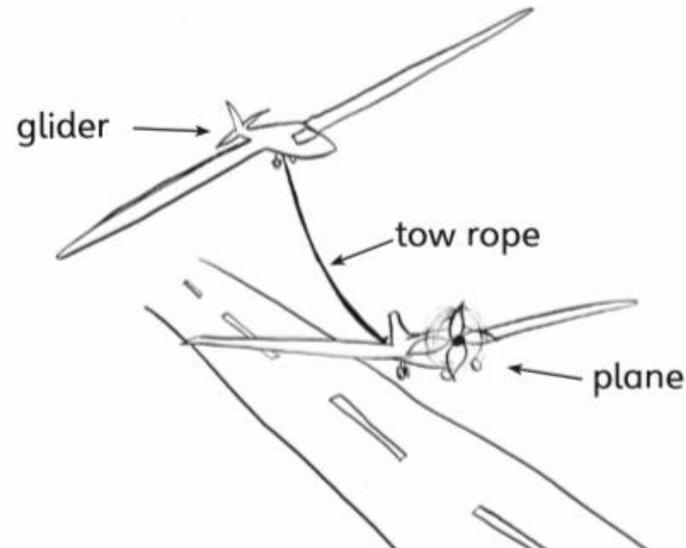
How does a glider fly?

We went up to the airport the other day to see my aunty do her gliding. She (inside the aircraft) was like a gentle feather in the wind. It all looked so peaceful up there amongst the clouds, birds and dreams. I hope to be a feather up there with her too one day. On a sunny day you might even spot my aunty soaring across the sky without making a single sound.

Have you ever wondered how gliders can stay in the air without any engines? Well, let me tell you!

How does a glider get up into the air?

Before someone can fly a glider, it has to get up into the air. For this reason, this had to be done with the help of a plane. Due to the fact of a glider being an unpowered aircraft, a tow rope is attached to the back of the plane and the front of the glider and the plane takes off. When the plane has reached the right altitude (flew high enough in the sky), the tow rope is released and the glider is on its own!



How does a glider stay up in the air?

You might be wondering why the glider doesn't fall down to the ground when the plane is no longer pulling it through the sky. In fact, the glider keeps on flying! As a result of warm current of air rising up from the ground, the glider floats on it. When the glider moves out of a column of rising warm air, it starts to descend (drop) gradually until the glider finds another current of warm air. Warm air ascends (rises) from places like car parks and rocks (they are heated more than other surfaces) on the ground. For this reason, the pilot looks out for these places. Wind can also help gliders to stay in the air.

How does the glider land?

When it is time to land the glider, the pilot has to find the runway and start to descend. The pilot makes flaps on the wings (called spoilers) lift up to stop the glider lifting up any more. The glider lands on one wheel underneath where the pilot sits.

I am interested in gliding because I want to be a pilot when I grow up and gliding is a good way to start learning to fly.

INTELLIGENT PRACTICE

Read the explanation text "How does a glider fly?" and summarise it.



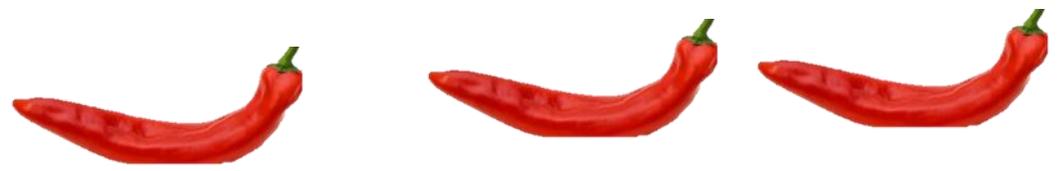
INTELLIGENT PRACTICE



Read the explanation text "How does a glider fly?" and answer the questions.

1. Who was gliding at the airport?
2. Why did the author like gliding?
3. What does the author want to explain in this text?
4. Can the glider start flying on its own?
5. What do you think is the main difference between a glider and a plane?
6. What is the main reason for the glider to float in the air?
7. Why is windy weather good for a glider's pilot?
8. Why does a glider need a wheel?
9. Do you think author's aunt can become a pilot in the future?
10. What is the thing the author likes most about the gliders?

INTELLIGENT PRACTICE



Answer the questions about how the author wrote the text about the moon.

1. Why has the writer written this text?
2. What do you like about it?
3. What might you borrow when you write your explanation text?
4. What simile did the writer use in the text and why?
5. What rhetorical question did the writer use and why?
6. Look at the subheadings in the text. What is the difference between the subheadings in this text and the text about the shapes of the moon?
7. Why do you think the author uses the diagram in the text? What is its purpose?
8. The author used exclamation mark in the following sentence "In fact, the glider keeps on flying!". Why do you think the author used this punctuation mark in this sentence?
9. What is the purpose of the pair of brackets in the last paragraph?
10. In the first and the last paragraph, the author is writing about what he she wants to do in the future. What verbs does the author use to express his dreams/plans?