



# Amelia Earhart

Born on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1879 in Atchison, Kansas, USA, Amelia Earhart was a pilot, pioneer and author. During her short life, Amelia set many records and had a great many achievements despite facing a great many challenges. As a child, she liked to read books, climb trees and hunt rats with her .22 rifle. After high school, she trained as a nurse's aide and worked in a Canadian hospital helping injured soldiers returning from World War I.

Around this time in her life, Amelia attended a flying exhibition and instantly fell in love with airplanes. She took her first flight shortly after seeing the event and was immediately determined to learn how to fly. She worked several jobs to save money for flying lessons and on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1921 she had her first lesson. Her teacher was Neta Snook, one of the few female pilots at the time. Six months later Amelia bought a used plane and nicknamed it "The Canary" because of its yellow paint job.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1922 she flew her plane to an altitude of 4,300m setting a world record for female pilots. A year later she became the 16<sup>th</sup> woman in the United States to receive her pilot's license. After recovering from several operations for a long-term illness, financial setbacks, several failed attempts at different careers and her parent's divorce, she was given the opportunity to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. In 1928, after a 21-hour flight, Amelia became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic as a passenger. This was a major accomplishment at the time as 3 women had died that year trying to do the same. There was a parade to celebrate the achievement and Earhart got to meet President Calvin Coolidge at the White House.

Earhart became a celebrity. She wrote a book, started a lecture tour, endorsed consumer products and was helped with a women's fashion brand. In 1932, she made the flight across the Atlantic Ocean again, this time alone, becoming the first woman and second person in the world to do so. In 1935 she was the first person to fly solo from Hawaii to mainland America.

Just before her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, Amelia set out to be the first woman to fly around the world. On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1937 she disappeared. Her last known position was around 3,100km southwest of Hawaii. Attempts to find her covered 250,000 square miles of the Pacific Ocean and became the most extensive air and sea search in history. Her plane was never found. She is remembered for her courage, vision and amazing achievements for both women and aviation.

Sources: <https://www.ameliaearhart.com/biography/>

<https://www.history.com/topics/amelia-earhart>

## Vocab Match

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

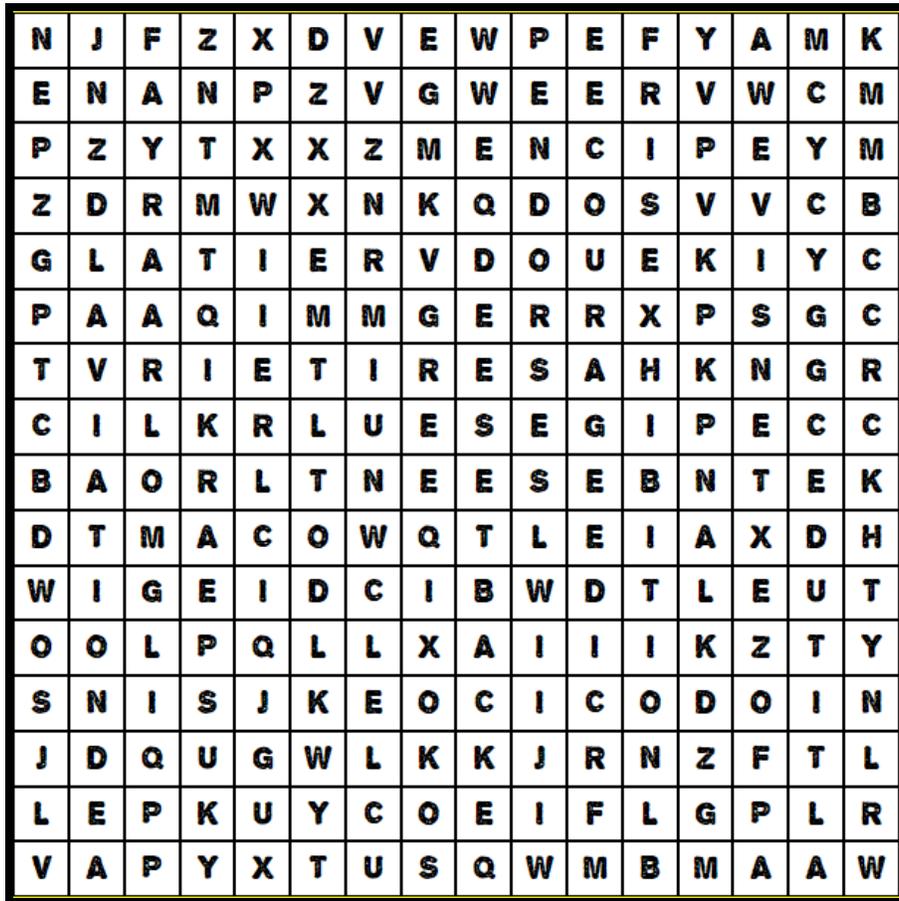
Word	Answer	Definition
1. pioneer	1. ____	a. adj- about money
2. exhibition	2. ____	b. adj- over a great area
3. altitude	3. ____	c. noun- attack danger without fear
4. financial	4. ____	d. noun- a fair or show
5. setback	5. ____	e. noun- a person who is first to do something
6. lecture	6. ____	f. noun- speech, usually teaching others
7. endorse	7. ____	g. noun- something difficult, like failure
8. extensive	8. ____	h. noun- height
9. courage	9. ____	i. verb- approve, support
10. aviation	10. ____	j. noun- air travel

## Discussion Topics

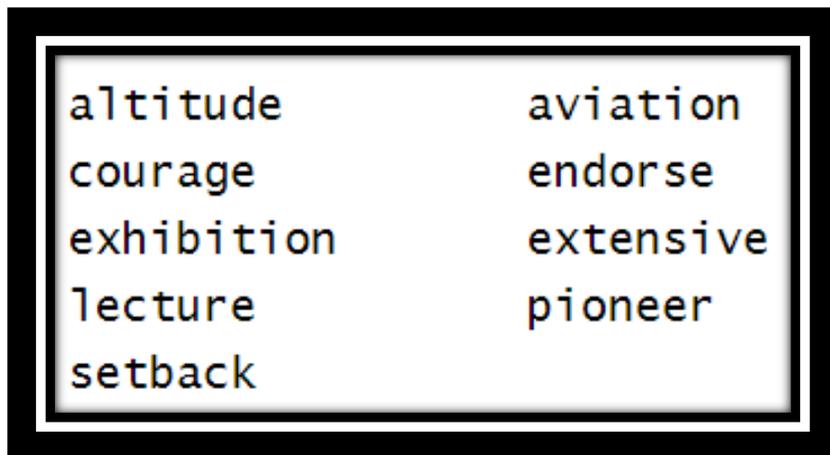
1. What is your dream job or something you enjoy most in the world?
2. Have you ever been to an exhibition? What did you see?
3. Do you want to be famous for doing something no one else has done?
4. Do you think it's possible to have too much courage?
5. What is the future of travel? Do you want to go to space?

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**Find these words!**



## **Quiz**

**1) Where was Amelia Earhart born?**

- a. California, USA b. Kentucky, USA c. Kansas, USA d. Cambridge, England

**2) What did Amelia do after high school?**

- a. worked at a gas station b. worked at a hospital c. worked as a veterinarian d. worked as a mechanic

**3) How did Earhart get the money for flying lessons?**

- a. stealing from hospitals b. asking her parents c. asking her boyfriend d. working several jobs

**4) What was Amelia's first world record for?**

- a. flying alone b. flying higher than other women c. flying farther than other women d. flying without fuel

**5) What was not one of Earhart's setbacks?**

- a. her parent's divorce b. her divorce c. illness d. failed business

**6) How long did it take to fly across the Atlantic Ocean in 1928?**

- a. 11 hours b. 21 hours c. 31 hours d. 18 hours

**7) Who did Earhart get to meet after her first flight across the Atlantic?**

- a. The Queen b. A businessman c. The President d. A celebrity

**8) What did Earhart do in 1932?**

- a. flew across America b. flew across the Atlantic alone c. flew across the Atlantic blindfolded d. flew across the Pacific alone

**9) How old was Earhart when she tried to fly around the world?**

- a. 40 b. 41 c. 38 d. 39

**10) Where was the search for Amelia Earhart?**

- a. The Mediterranean Ocean b. The Pacific Ocean c. The Atlantic Ocean d. The Indian Ocean

# Key

<b>Matching</b>	<b>Quiz</b>
1. e	1. b
2. d	2. b
3. h	3. d
4. a	4. b
5. g	5. b
6. f	6. b
7. i	7. c
8. b	8. b
9. c	9. d
10. j	10. b

**PROJECT:**

Students write and present about a pioneer in another field. Someone who was the first to do things others had not yet tried.