

**Transport** 

**Task 1: The First Airplane** 

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening for the GESE 5.

You are going to hear a talk about the first airplane. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. I will ask you six questions on some facts about the first airplane. Are you ready?

## **Audio Script**

The Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orvil, are famous for being the inventors of the airplane. They first were happy with the success of their glider in 1902 but in 1903, during the spring and summer, they created the airplane, going down in history for this world changing invention in the world of transportation. They were able to show this with the four short flights that they made on December 17th of that same year. The plane was made out of wood and muslin. The airplane is known as The Wright Flyer I and on it's forth flight a gust of wind made the plane flip over. It was severely damaged and couldn't be flown again. Before the damage, they were able to take a photograph of the first flight, which is often seen in text books. However, you can find The Wright Flyer I in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Now I will ask you some questions. You only need to answer in a few words.

Now let's look at the questions again, but with the possible answers.

This is the end of the listening task.

## **Questions & Answers:**

1	When did the Wright brothers invent the airplane?	1903 / nineteen-oh-three
2	How many flights did they do?	4 / four
3	What materials were used to make the airplane?	wood / muslin
4	What damaged the airplane?	(a gust of) wind
5	What did they take in the first flight?	a photograph
6	Where can you find the Wright Flyer I?	in the Smithsonian Institution (in Washington, D.C.)

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