



Conquesta 2019

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English 2 (First Additional Language) – Grade 8

Welcome to your Conquesta Olympiad. When you have decided which of the answers is correct, scratch out the letter in the matching square on your answer sheet. Example:- If the answer to question 4 is c, then scratch out the letter c in the square containing c next to the number 4 (see example 1 below). If you've made a mistake and b should have been the answer, neatly cross out the mistake and then scratch out b (see example 2 below).

Example 1:-

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Example 2:-

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Read the extract on the right for questions 1 – 20.

- Who did Amelia Earhart's dad work for?**
 (a) A law firm. (b) Transportation authority.
 (c) The railroad. (d) The courthouse.
- What type of noun is the word 'childhood'?**
 (a) Common noun. (b) Abstract noun.
 (c) Pronoun. (d) Proper noun.
- Identify which of the following best describes Amelia's relationship with her sister, Muriel.**
 (a) Amelia was seen to be distant from her sister.
 (b) The sisters did not share any common interests.
 (c) Muriel was Amelia's younger sister.
 (d) The sisters were close and enjoyed each other's company.
- Identify the predicate of the following sentence: 'Amelia's first 'flight' was when she was just seven years old.'**
 (a) 'Amelia's'
 (b) 'first 'flight' was when she was just seven years old.'
 (c) 'was just seven years old.'
 (d) 'was when she was just seven years old.'
- Who helped Amelia build her own homemade roller coaster?**
 (a) Her uncle and Muriel. (b) Muriel.
 (c) Her father and Muriel. (d) Her uncle and her father.
- 'After dramatically crashing'. Identify the part of speech for 'dramatically'.**
 (a) Adverb of manner. (b) Adverb of time.
 (c) Adjective. (d) Verb.
- The words 'knew' and 'new' are examples of**
 (a) antonyms. (b) homophones.
 (c) homonyms. (d) synonyms.
- 'Amelia worked hard, and together with some money from her mother, she was able to pay for flying lessons.'**
Identify the phrase in the sentence above.
 (a) 'Amelia worked hard'
 (b) 'together with some money from her mother'
 (c) 'she was able to pay for flying lessons'
 (d) Amelia worked hard, and she was able to pay for flying lessons.
- 'Amelia worked hard, and together with some money from her mother, she was able to pay for flying lessons.'**
Identify which word best describes her attitude towards achieving her goals.
 (a) Hesitant.
 (b) Uninterested.
 (c) Determined.
 (d) Apathetic.



The first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean



Amelia Earhart was born on July 24, 1897, in Atchison, Kansas.

Her father, Edwin, was a lawyer who worked for the railroad. She spent a lot of her childhood playing with her younger sister Muriel.

Amelia's first 'flight' was when she was just seven years old. With the help of Muriel and her uncle she made a homemade roller coaster. After dramatically crashing she told her sister that it 'was just like flying'.

On December 28, 1920, Amelia and her father visited an air show in California. Amelia went on her first plane flight that day. She later said, 'I knew I had to fly' as soon as the plane was just a few hundred feet off the ground.

Amelia worked hard, and together with some money from her mother, she was able to pay for flying lessons. Eventually she purchased her own plane. A bright yellow airplane she nicknamed the 'Canary'. She also got her pilot's license and set a new altitude record for female pilots of 14,000 feet.

Amelia was not satisfied, however. She wanted to make the same trip across the Atlantic, but this time she wanted to pilot the plane and make the flight by herself. On May 20, 1932 she took off from Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, aboard a bright red, single engine, Lockheed Vega airplane. She intended to make the same flight that Charles Lindbergh had made five years before and fly to Paris, France.

The flight was very dangerous. There was bad weather, thick clouds, and often her windshield and wings were covered with ice. Fourteen hours later she had crossed the Atlantic Ocean, but had to cut the flight short, landing in a cow pasture in Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

Amelia became only the second person after Charles Lindbergh to successfully fly across the Atlantic Ocean solo. She received many awards including becoming the first woman to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross aw



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https://www.ducksters.com/biography/women_leaders/amelia_earhart.php]

Footnote: Airplane is the American English spelling, while aeroplane is the British English spelling.