

# Amelia Earhart

Amelia was born on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1897 in Atchison, Kansas in the United States. She is famous for being the first female pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.



## Amelia's Childhood

Amelia lived with her mother, father and her younger sister, Grace Muriel. Amelia loved having adventures with her sister. They would climb trees and hunt for rats.

Unusually for the time, the Earhart sisters were allowed to wear bloomers rather than dresses like other girls in their neighbourhood. Amelia was also inspired by successful women with jobs that were usually only done by men.



## Amelia's Flying Adventures

Amelia had her first flying lesson when she was just 23 years old. In July 1921, she bought her first plane. It was bright yellow and she named it 'The Canary' after the yellow bird.

In May 1923, she got her pilot's licence. Amelia was the 16<sup>th</sup> woman in the United States to receive one. After many joint adventures, in May 1932 she became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

## Amelia's Last Adventure

On 20<sup>th</sup> May 1937, Amelia and her navigator (Fred Noonan) began their biggest adventure to fly all the way around the world. They planned a journey of 29,000 miles. On 2<sup>nd</sup> July



1937, Amelia and Fred tried to make the next flight from New Guinea to Howland Island. Unfortunately, due to poor weather and low fuel, Amelia and Fred never made it to Howland Island. A lighthouse was built on Howland Island in Amelia's memory.



## Did You Know...?

After leaving school, Amelia worked as a nurse's assistant in Canada. She cared for wounded soldiers from the First World War.

# Questions

1. When was Amelia born? Tick one.

- ☐ July 1777  
☐ July 1897  
☐ July 1888

2. Who did Amelia live with? Tick **two**.

- ☐ mother and father  
☐ brother  
☐ sister

3. Match the year with the flying event in Amelia's life.

1921 •

• Amelia got her licence to fly.

1923 •

• Amelia was the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean.

1932 •

• Amelia bought her first plane.

4. Who was her guide on her last flight?

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5. What was built on Howland Island to remind people of Amelia?

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## Questions

1. What is Amelia Earhart famous for? Tick one.

- ☐ for being the first female pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic
- ☐ for being the first female to get a flying licence
- ☐ for being the first female to fly around the world

2. Fill in the missing words:

**Amelia had her first flying lesson when she was just \_\_\_\_ years old.**

**In July 1921, she \_\_\_\_\_ her first plane.**

3. What was Amelia's first plane called? Tick one.

- ☐ The Robot
- ☐ The Canary
- ☐ The Bluebird

4. **On 20<sup>th</sup> May 1937, Amelia and her navigator Fred Noonan began their biggest adventure...**

How many miles was the journey they had planned to fly?

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5. What happened to Amelia and Fred on their last adventure?

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