AMELIA EARHART

AVIATOR

Once upon a time, a girl called Amelia saved enough money to buy a yellow airplane. She called it The Canary.

A few years later, she became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. It was a dangerous flight. Her tiny plane was tossed around by strong winds and icy storms. She kept herself going with a can of tomato juice sucked through a straw. After almost fifteen hours she touched down in a field in Northern Ireland, much to the surprise of the cows. "Have you come far?" the farmer asked her. "All the way from America!" she laughed.

Amelia loved to fly and she loved to do things no one had ever done before.

Her biggest challenge was to be the first woman to fly and the world. She could only take a small bag, as all the space in the plane had to be used by fuel. Her long flight was going well. She was supposed to land on the tiny Howland Island, but never got there. In her last transmission, Amelia said she was flying through the clouds and was running low on fuel. Her plane disappeared somewhere over the Pacific Ocean and was never found.

Before leaving she wrote, "I am quite aware of the hazards. I want to do it, because I want to do it. Women must try to do the same things that men have tried. If their fail, their failure must be a challenge to others."

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- 1) What did Amelia Earhart call her aeroplane?
- 2) Amelia was the first woman to fly solo across which ocean?
- 3) How long did it take Amelia make this trip?

4) On her trip around the world, why could Amelia only take a small bag with her?

4) What happened to Amelia?

5) Do you think Amelia Earhart was brave? Explain your answer using **because**