

## The Plane

The first plane was made by two brothers. Their plane was the first to have an engine. It was also the first one to be flown for more than a few seconds. Before then, people flying had only been a dream. The brothers became famous and rich as a result.

We now know that planes can fly because of the shape and length of their wings. The body of a plane also needs to be long and thin. This way the air moves around the plane and under its wings helping it to fly. Engines make airplanes move faster. The stronger the engine, the longer and farther the plane can fly.

Today, planes are very common. They move people and things faster than a car, train, or boat can. Some planes take people to places far away. Some planes carry boxes full of all kinds of things. There are also planes that are used in times of war. They fly fast and carry guns. When we are not at war, they fly in displays that show off how well the pilots fly.