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5	Orville and Wilbur hoped and believed that they could copy the birds wings.	hoped, believed
6	The brothers recognized that control of the flying aircraft would be the hardest problem to solve.	recognized
7	In 1900, the Wrights successfully finished and tested their new 50 pound biplane glider.	finished, tested
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9	The brothers predicted that people would probably not fly in their lifetime. They soon changed their prediction.	predicted, changed
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