

JANIE'S DELIGHTFUL FLIGHT

It had been an awesome day for Janie. She thought no other day could be as grand. At 11:45 that night, she still could not sleep. She kept remembering all the amazing things she had done and seen that day.

This exciting day had been her ninth birthday. Janie loved planes. Her parents knew that. Their birthday gift to her was her first plane ride!

After her birthday party, her parents drove her to the airport. She met her pilot, Mr. Adams. Janie was excited to meet a real pilot. She wanted to be a pilot when she grew up.

Mr. Adams and Janie took off on their adventure. She was surprised when she looked down at the world from above. She could see the whole town and the surrounding communities. At first she

didn't believe him when Mr. Adams told her, "Look. There is your house."

Everything looked different from above. Her house was flat. Cars were creeping along the road like ants. From the air, Janie could see the entire lake that is not far from where she lived. When she was on the ground, it was so large that she could not see the other side of it.

Next, Mr. Adams flew over downtown. She could see the stores, her school, and the hospital. She laughed when they flew over the train as it roared down the tracks. After a wide turn, Mr. Adams flew over a river.

The flight had ended several hours earlier, but Janie's stomach still had butterflies. She was awake when the clock struck midnight. When she finally did fall asleep, she dreamed she was a pilot. She was showing someone else what the world looked like from above.

1 Janie's parents gave her a gift of a plane ride because -

- A the pilot was their friend
- B she was afraid of flying
- C she did her homework
- D it was her birthday

2 What is this story mainly about?

- A seeing things from above
- B receiving a birthday present
- C flying over Janie's house
- D seeing the entire lake near her house

3 The word awesome in this story means -

- A frightening
- B great
- C unimportant
- D funny

4 How did Janie feel after the flight?

- A excited
- B disappointed
- C calm
- D afraid

5 Which of these is **NOT** a fact from the story?

- A Janie is a pilot.
- B Mr. Adams is a pilot.
- C Flying is exciting.
- D Things look different from above.

6 Which of these happened *last* in the story?

- A The plane flew over Janie's house.
- B Janie dreamed about flying.
- C Janie had a birthday party.
- D Janie saw the lake near her house.

7 It is likely that -

- A Janie flew the plane by herself the next day.
- B Mr. Adams took Janie on another flight.
- C Janie's parents were angry because she liked flying.
- D Janie never wanted to fly again.

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

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Materials Needed:

NYSTROM Texas Readiness Desk Map or Wall Map

Water-soluble marking pen

OPTION: Notebook paper and pencil for answers

♣ Janie had a **view from above** when she looked down from the plane.

♥ If Mr. Adams flew over Waco, Texas, what **river** did Janie see?

♥ Look at the map legend. • Locate the symbol for "Interstate highways."

• What **interstate highway** did Janie view from above when they flew over Waco? _____

♣ Locate Austin, Texas. It has a star by its name. • Look at the map legend.

• What does a star inside a circle by a city's name mean? _____

♥ If Mr. Adams flew Janie over Austin, what **river** did she see? _____

♥ A city in the state that is just **north** of Texas also has a star by its name.

• What is the name of the **city and state**? _____

♥ It is 387 miles from Austin, Texas, to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It is 533 miles from Oklahoma City to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

• What is the total distance in miles of a trip from Austin to Santa Fe if you drive to Oklahoma City first and from there to Santa Fe?

♣ Look at the map legend again. • Locate the four small pictures that show land and water forms. These small pictures came from parts of Texas that are shown on the main map. They are **views from above** of real places in Texas.

♥ Be a map detective. Warning: This may be hard. • Locate the four places on the Texas map that are **just like** the four small pictures in the legend.

• Draw a line around the places *on the map* when you locate them.

♥ What is the name of the **lake** on the map that looks just like the lake picture in the legend? _____

♥ What is the name of the **island** on the map that looks just like the island picture in the legend? _____

♣ Write a story about a make-believe trip in an airplane. Have the main character in your story tell about three new things that are viewed from above, things Janie did not describe.