

## Challenge 2 & 3

### My First Airplane Trip

School was finally out. Now I will get to go to California to visit my favorite aunt, Aunt Helen. Aunt Helen came to our house two years ago, and now that I am a big girl, I am going to fly to her house all by myself! I'm so excited. Mom was going to take me to the airport and stay until the plane left the ground. I didn't know what to expect. Mom and Dad told me how the fly attendants would make sure I was in the correct seat and even ask me what I wanted to drink.

The next day, we were off to the airport. Mom showed me the way to the security checkpoint. Then a lady at the gate checked my ticket and into the big plane I went. Another lady helped me find my seat and put my bag in the overhead compartment. Next, I buckled up and was ready for takeoff. The pilot came on the loudspeaker and told everyone to prepare for takeoff. That's when I became so scared! No one told me that the plane would be so high in the air so fast! All the houses and cars looked like tiny ants. For a moment, I lost my breath, because I was so scared. The flight attendant could see that I was afraid. She came over and sat next to me in the empty seat. "Are you OK?" she asked. "Yes, just a bit scared because this is my first airplane trip." "I see," answered the flight attendant. "There is nothing to be afraid of." "Just sit back and relax." "Try to enjoy the view." "What is your name?" "I'm Linda." She then brought me a soda to drink. After drinking my soda, I fell asleep for a while, until I heard the pilot say, "Prepare for landing." "The temperature in Los Angeles is 75 degrees and sunny." With that announcement, I knew I was almost to Los Angeles and that Aunt Helen would be waiting for me at the gate when I got off the plane. As I went down the plane and into the

airport, I saw Aunt Helen waiting for me by the ticket counter. I ran to her, and she gave me a big hug. "Did you enjoy your first airplane trip?" asked Aunt Helen. "I did, but it was a little scary at first." "The nice flight attendant took good care of me," said Linda. "I'm looking forward to the flight home." "Hold it just a minute," said Aunt Helen. "You just got here, and we have a week of fun things to do." "You can't run home too soon. Linda smiled a big smile.

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Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. What state was Linda flying to?
  - A. New York
  - B. Florida
  - C. Ohio
  - D. California
2. How long had it been since Linda saw Aunt Helen?
  - A. Two years
  - B. Two months
  - C. One year
  - D. Six months
3. What word from the story describes Linda when the plane took off?
  - A. Lonely
  - B. Mad
  - C. Scared
  - D. None of the above
4. When did Linda fall asleep?
  - A. After reading a book
  - B. After doing a puzzle
  - C. After watching a

movie

D. After drinking a soda

5. Where was Aunt Helen when Linda got into the airport?

A. Near the escalator

B. Near the stairs C.

Near the snack bar D.

Near the ticket counter