



**Write a description of your first flight in an early flying machine.**

First **watch** the [Time Tunnellers video](#) about flight pioneers Ella and Percy Pilcher.



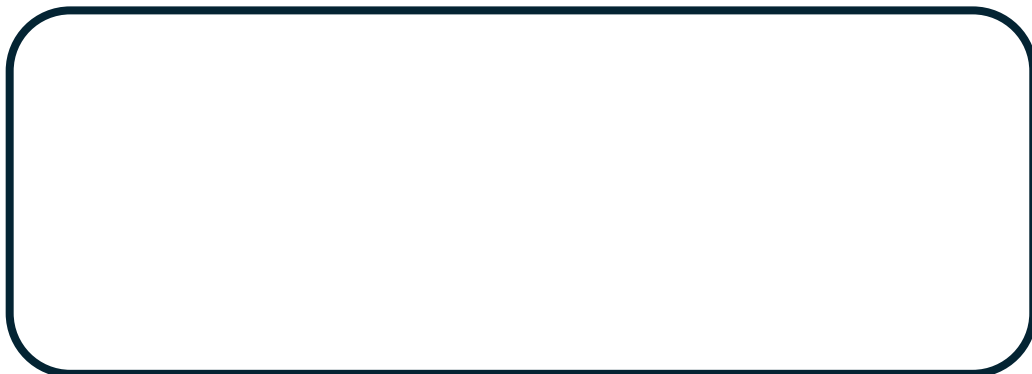
Next, read this description of Linnet's first flight in The Periwinkle Flyer.

*Gradually, Linnet got to grips with the controls. The flying machine moved jerkily at first, bouncing around, but when an air current caught the wings, it soared through the night sky, the propeller whirling above.*

*Linnet no longer felt scared. Flying was the most exciting, exhilarating, wonderful experience and she didn't want it to end. Cold air rushed against her face; the chill wind tugged at her shawl. Above her, the moon watched in astonishment. Below, the curving River Aire gleamed like black silk in the moonlight.*

Imagine it's your first flight in a fragile flying machine.

Is your flying machine a glider or does it have an engine? You might want to draw a quick sketch of it first!



Write a paragraph like the one above, describing what you can see and hear, in the sky and on the ground far below. Try and use all your senses! How does it feel to fly?