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In 1935 she began a round-the-world flight, starting in California and heading west, but she crashed on take-off in Honolulu and had to give up the attempt. However, in 1937 she decided to try again, this time in opposite direction. A month after leaving California, she was in New Guinea, preparing for the flight to Howland Island, a tiny Pacific island where no aircraft had ever landed. The distance between these two points was over 4,000 kilometers, further than anyone had flown non-stop before. Amelia and her navigator, Fred Noonan, knew that if they failed to find Howland Island they would run out of fuel somewhere over the Pacific.

Ships positioned near the island picked up radio signals from Amelia’s aircraft, but it never landed and, after a time, it became clear that it could no longer be in the air. For two weeks there was a thorough search of the area, but nothing was ever found and to this day no one knows exactly what happened to Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan.

**V-I**

**Task1. True or False Statements:**

1. Amelia Earhart became famous in 1929.
2. She became the first woman to fly solo at the age of thirty-five.
3. A round-the- world flight started in California in 1955.
4. In 1937 she attempted to fly a round-the-world flight in the opposite direction.
5. No radio signals from Amelia’s aircraft were picked up.

**Task 2. Multiple Choice Questions**:

1. Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly…
2. From Africa to America
3. From Europe to the Atlantic
4. From Europe to America
5. From America to Europe.
6. At the time of the first flight across the Atlantic Amelia Earhart…
7. Was not married
8. Was an expert pilot
9. Was a wealthy woman
10. Spoke four foreign languages.
11. Amelia made …attempts to commit a round- the –world flight.
12. Four
13. Three
14. Two
15. No
16. No aircraft had ever landed…
17. On the tiny Pacific island
18. In Honolulu
19. In California
20. In New Guinea.
21. When Amelia flew with Fred Noonan the aircraft…
22. Never landed
23. Stopped
24. Lost its route
25. Was positioned on the ship.

**Task3. Answer the Questions**:

1. What was Amelia Earhart famous for?
2. How many attempts did she make to commit a round-the-world flight?

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1. Amelia Earhart was a Harvard University graduate.
2. She was experienced enough to fly long –distance routes.
3. She gave up the attempt to fly a round- the-world flight after a crash in Honolulu.
4. The distance between New Guinea and Howland Island was further than anyone had flown non-stop before.
5. This round-the-world flight was also solo.

**Task 2. Multiple Choice Questions**:

1. Amelia Earhart flew without a companion in…
2. 1920
3. 1928
4. 1932
5. 1940
6. The long-distance route…
7. Had been attempted before.
8. Was difficult
9. Was thoroughly planned
10. Had not been attempted before.
11. Amelia Earhart flew all these directions except…
12. West
13. South
14. East
15. To Howland Island.
16. Amelia’s aircraft ran out of fuel when she committed…
17. A round-the world flight
18. The first flight
19. A non-stop flight
20. A solo flight.
21. A thorough search of Amelia and Fred lasted for…
22. a week
23. two weeks
24. two days
25. two months.

**Task3. Answer the Questions:**

1. What happened to Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan when they were over the Pacific Ocean?
2. Were round-the-world flights made before Amelia?