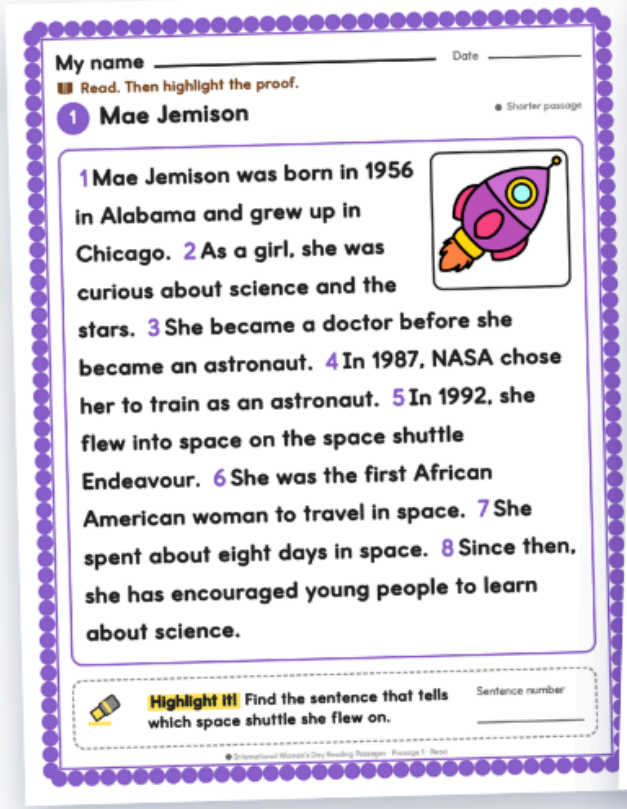
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4 WOMEN

ANSWER KEY

5 QUESTIONS EACH


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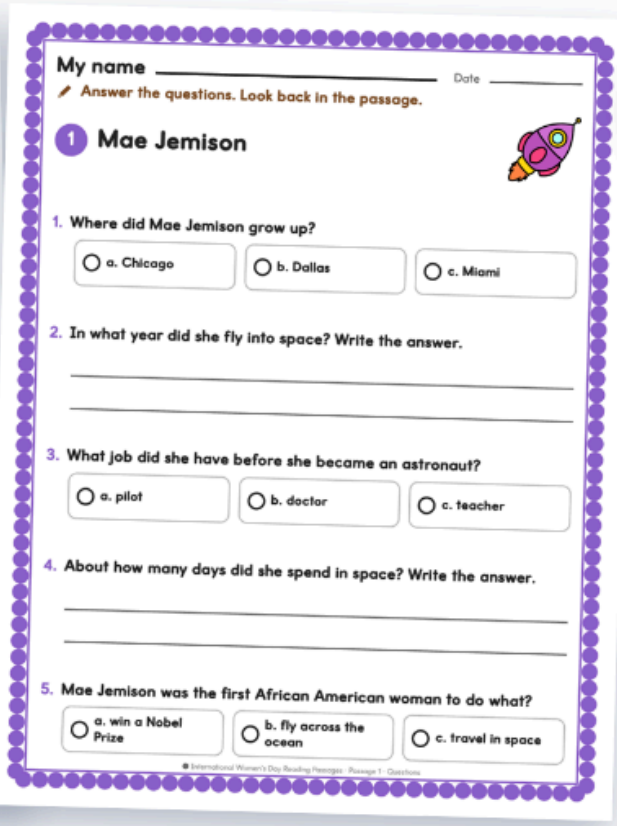
Read. Then highlight the proof.

1 Mae Jemison

● Shorter passage

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Highlight it! Find the sentence that tells which space shuttle she flew on. Sentence number _____


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Answer the questions. Look back in the passage.

1 Mae Jemison

1. Where did Mae Jemison grow up?
   - ○ a. Chicago
   - ○ b. Dallas
   - ○ c. Miami
2. In what year did she fly into space? Write the answer.
   _____
   _____
3. What job did she have before she became an astronaut?
   - ○ a. pilot
   - ○ b. doctor
   - ○ c. teacher
4. About how many days did she spend in space? Write the answer.
   _____
   _____
5. Mae Jemison was the first African American woman to do what?
   - ○ a. win a Nobel Prize
   - ○ b. fly across the ocean
   - ○ c. travel in space



Mae Jemison



Malala Yousafzai



Katherine Johnson



Amelia Earhart

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Passages at a Glance

4 passages about four women: 2 shorter and 2 longer, each with questions that stay close to the text.

All four passages

#	Passage	Level	Lines	Words	Pages
1	Mae Jemison	Shorter passage	8	80	7, 8
2	Malala Yousafzai	Shorter passage	8	79	9, 10
3	Katherine Johnson	Longer passage	11	138	11, 12
4	Amelia Earhart	Longer passage	11	118	13, 14

"Lines" is the number of numbered sentences and "Words" the number of words, for a reading-rate check if you want one.

A routine that fits twenty minutes

- Teach the six words on the Word Match page.
- Read the passage aloud together, then once alone.
- Highlight the proof sentence for the prompt on the passage page.
- Turn the page and answer the five questions. Go back to the text for any answer.
- Check with the key. Color a box on the tracker.

Say it this way

- "Put your finger on the sentence that tells you."
- "What number is that sentence? Say it, then write it."
- "Read the question again. Which choice matches the text?"

About International Women's Day

- International Women's Day is on March 8 each year. People around the world use it to remember what women and girls have done.
- Every fact is well known and easy to check in an encyclopedia. The passages are in our own words, do not rank the women and do not take a side.

Ways to adjust a page

- Read the passage aloud first, then let the child read it.
- Let the child say an answer while you write it.

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Match each word to its meaning. Write the letter.



Women's Day Words

1	astronaut		A things every person should be free to have or do
2	prize		B a person trained to travel in space
3	pilot		C the same as others in worth or in how a person is treated
4	equal		D a person who rides in a vehicle but does not drive or fly it
5	rights		E an award for something special that a person did
6	passenger		F a person who flies a plane

+ Pick one word. Use it in a sentence.

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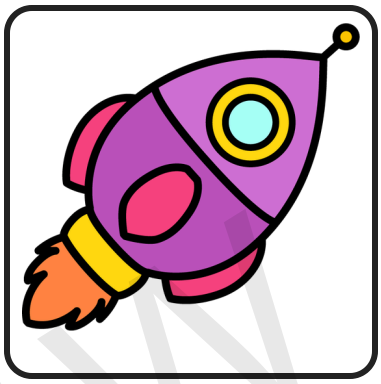
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● Shorter passage



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Highlight it! Find the sentence that tells which space shuttle she flew on.

Sentence number _____

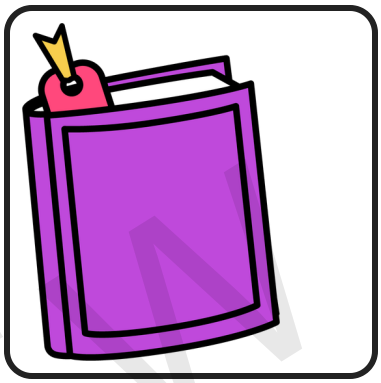
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Read. Then highlight the proof.

2 Malala Yousafzai

● Shorter passage



1 Malala Yousafzai was born in 1997 in Pakistan. 2 She loved school and loved to learn. 3 She believes that every girl should be able to go to school. 4 She began speaking up about this when she was a young girl. 5 People around the world listened to her. 6 In 2014, she won the Nobel Peace Prize. 7 She was 17 years old, the youngest person ever to win that prize. 8 She also helped start the Malala Fund, a group that works so girls can learn.

PREVIEW

Highlight it! Find the sentence that tells what the Malala Fund is.

Sentence number _____

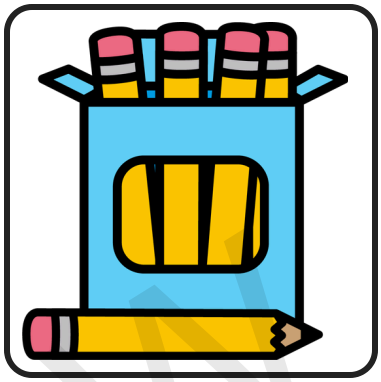
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Read. Then highlight the proof.

3 Katherine Johnson

Longer passage



1 Katherine Johnson was born in 1918 in West Virginia. 2 She loved numbers and counted everything as a child. 3 She was so good at math that she started high school when she was only ten years old. 4 She went on to college and became a math teacher. 5 In 1953, she began working at a research center in Virginia that later became part of NASA. 6 She and other women worked as human computers, which means they did hard math by hand. 7 Her math helped figure out the paths that spacecraft would follow. 8 In 1961, her work helped Alan Shepard become the first American to fly in space. 9 In 1962, astronaut John Glenn asked her to check the math for his orbit around Earth. 10 In 2015, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, a high honor in the United States. 11 She lived to be 101 years old.

Highlight it! Find the sentence that tells who asked her to check the math.

Sentence number _____

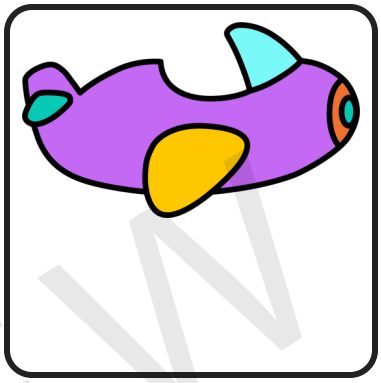
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Read. Then highlight the proof.

4 Amelia Earhart

■ Longer passage



1 Amelia Earhart was born in 1897 in Kansas. 2 In 1920, she took her first airplane ride, and she decided to learn to fly. 3 She became one of the first well-known women pilots. 4 In 1928, she was a passenger on a plane that flew across the Atlantic Ocean. 5 In 1932, she flew across the Atlantic Ocean by herself. 6 She was the first woman to fly alone across that ocean. 7 Congress gave her a medal called the Distinguished Flying Cross. 8 Earhart also wrote books and gave speeches. 9 In 1937, she began a flight around the world. 10 Her plane disappeared over the Pacific Ocean, and no one knows for sure what happened. 11 Many people remember her as an early pilot who inspired others to fly.

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Highlight it! Find the sentence that tells what happened to her plane in the end.

Sentence number _____

My name _____ Date _____

Read each fact. Write an X under the right woman.



Who Did It?

#	What it says	Mae	Malala	Katherine	Amelia
1	She flew across the Atlantic Ocean by herself.				
2	She was a doctor before she was an astronaut.				
3	She won the Nobel Peace Prize.				
4	She started high school when she was ten.				
5	She flew on the space shuttle Endeavour.				
6	She began a flight around the world in 1937.				
7	She helped start the Malala Fund.				
8	She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.				

+ Pick one fact. Tell how you know.

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My name _____ Date _____

Write about one woman. Use facts you read.



Pick one woman. What do you want people to know about her?

My woman is _____

Fact 1: _____

Fact 2: _____

Fact 3: _____

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Answer Key: Passages 3-4

Accept any answer that says the same thing, spoken or written. "Proof" is the number of the sentence on the passage page that holds the answer.

Passage 3: Katherine Johnson (pages 11-12)

Q	Kind	Answer	Proof
1	Multiple choice	c. West Virginia	1
2	Short answer	Ten years old	3
3	Multiple choice	a. did hard math by hand	6
4	Short answer	John Glenn	9
5	Multiple choice	b. the Presidential Medal of Freedom	10
+	Highlight	In 1962, astronaut John Glenn asked her to check the math for his orbit around Earth.	9

Passage 4: Amelia Earhart (pages 13-14)

Q	Kind	Answer	Proof
1	Multiple choice	a. Kansas	1
2	Short answer	1932	5
3	Multiple choice	b. as a passenger on a plane	4
4	Short answer	The Distinguished Flying Cross	7
5	Multiple choice	c. a flight around the world	9
+	Highlight	Her plane disappeared over the Pacific Ocean, and no one knows for sure what happened.	10

PREVIEW

Reading Tracker

Write the date, then 1 for each question answered right (0 if not yet), then the total of 5. Write 1 under "Proof found" if the child highlighted the right sentence. A blank row means not tried yet, never wrong. The empty rows are for reading a passage again.

Student _____ Teacher _____ School year _____

Passage	Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Of 5	Proof found	Notes
1 Mae Jemison									
2 Malala Yousafzai									
3 Katherine Johnson									
4 Amelia Earhart									

PREVIEW

What I notice

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Next step

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Owen's Tracker (Invented Student)

Owen R. is an invented student; nothing on this page describes a real child. The blank tracker is on page 22.

Passage	Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Of 5	Proof found	Notes
1 Mae Jemison	3/2	1	1	1	0	1	4	1	–
2 Malala Yousafzai	3/3	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	Read it aloud first
3 Katherine Johnson	3/4	1	1	1	0	1	4	0	–
4 Amelia Earhart	3/5	0	1	1	1	0	3	1	–
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How to read it

Owen R. has done **4 of 4** passages. Points are the 1s in a row: **14 of 20** possible, or **70.0 percent**. Owen found the proof sentence on **3 of 4** passages. Every number is a sum of the table.

The family note this tracker would produce

"This week Owen read 4 passages about women and answered 14 of 20 questions right. At home, please read the family page together and ask where in the text the answer is."

Reading at Home

Send this page home with a child, or hand it to a family at a conference.

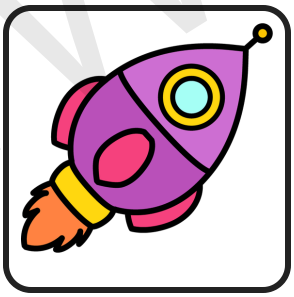
Student _____ Week of _____

How to help at home, in three steps

- Read the text below together, pointing to each word.
- Let your child read it again alone. Help with a word by saying the sounds slowly, then the word.
- Ask the questions out loud. If the answer is not clear, find the sentence together. Stop while it is still going well.

A text to practice: the first six sentences of Mae Jemison

Mae Jemison was born in 1956 in Alabama and grew up in Chicago. As a girl, she was curious about science and the stars. She became a doctor before she became an astronaut. In 1987, NASA chose her to train as an astronaut. In 1992, she flew into space on the space shuttle Endeavour. She was the first African American woman to travel in space.



Try saying

- "Who was the first African American woman in space? Put your finger on the sentence that tells you."
- "What year was Mae Jemison born? Where does it say that?"
- "Which part of her story do you find the most interesting? Find the sentence that tells about it."

Note from the teacher

Note from home

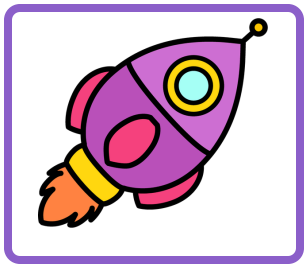
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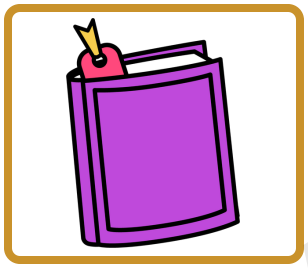
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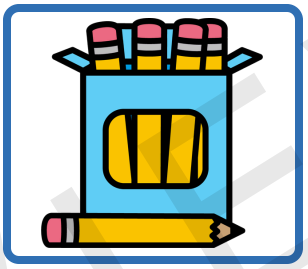
The cover and spine label for the folder that holds the student's passages.

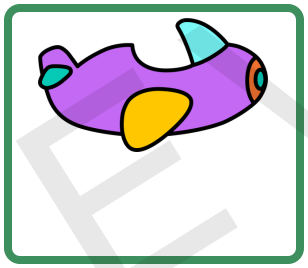
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4 women, 4 passages and questions









Student name _____

Teacher _____

School year _____

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Print the cover on card stock or paper and slide it into the binder front; fold the spine label around the edge.