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Editorial: *FLYING*

Do you like flying? Have you flown in a plane? The theme of this **Password** is 'Flying'. But it's not just about flying in a plane.

In the easy reading pages you can read about birds that fly and also about the kiwi, a bird that doesn't fly! You can try a quiz about flying facts. There is an interview with a man who hates flying in planes. And you can read about flying kites in New Zealand and in Afghanistan.

Most people don't believe there are UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) that come from outer space. But some people do, and a few people even say they have seen one. Intermediate readers will find a true story about a man who believes he saw a UFO. Did you know planes are used in New Zealand to help grass grow on farms? Read the story 'The best school holiday ever' to find out more about this. There is an article about the Māori tradition of flying kites, how kites are made and what they are used for.

Perhaps you have flown as a passenger in a plane,

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but have you thought about the people who fly aircraft and work on planes? At the higher levels there is an article about Sir Keith Park, a well known New Zealand pilot who was also an air force commander in the Battle of Britain in 1940. An interview with a flight attendant gives us an idea of what his job is like and the skills needed. Another article looks at the history of space travel and considers its place in our lives today. Finally, there are some discussion questions about high flyers — in other words, about people who are very successful in life.

You will also find our regular features: the idioms corner, a crossword puzzle and readers' contributions — this time two stories about readers' first days in New Zealand. We hope you enjoy the stories and articles. Maybe you would like to write about flying — for example, about a flight you took, or about birds, or kites, or space travel. Send us your letters or short stories and maybe we can share them with other **Password** readers. *Clare Conway*