

Here is something  
that can fly.  
Put yourself in the  
basket.  
Draw the tiny  
houses and people

Up, up and away



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Introduction (page 1). Please read aloud to the whole group



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Hello Authors and Scribes

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to fly? No, I don't mean in a plane. How would you like to grow wings?

Here is a poem you might enjoy. It is about a boy who wakes up one morning feeling a bit uncomfortable. Has he been secretly eating sweets in bed and forgotten the wrappers or is it those lego bricks. He tries to look in the mirror but it is hard to see your own back. THEN he realises: IT'S WINGS, REAL WINGS, GROWING ON HIS BACK!

The poem goes like this.

I woke early this morning,  
Feeling awkward in my bed.  
I rubbed my sleepy eyes a bit,  
And shook my sleepy head,  
And wondered, in a sleepy way,  
Why I'd suddenly grown wings.  
They'd grown out of my shoulders,  
Long feathery things  
I tried them out carefully  
And fluttered to the stairs  
And floated like a butterfly  
Above the banisters.

My Mum was in the kitchen.  
I flew above her head.  
"Am I an angel, Mum", I asked  
"Eat your breakfast up", she said  
"Am I a bird" I asked her.  
She said "What silly talk.  
Who ever heard of a bird  
That could use a knife and fork.  
Now, are you going to fly to school,  
Or would you rather walk"?

My friends beneath me, walked to school  
Like a swarm of tiny bees.  
But I flew over the house tops  
I flew over the trees.  
I soared through the cloudbanks,  
Spun round the tallest towers.  
I can dive and I can loop.  
I've been practicing for hours.

But now the stars are coming out.  
The pale stars shine.  
The cars all take their drivers home  
And I must fly to mine.  
All day long. I've owned the sky  
And beat my wings with joy  
Watched cars on roads like tiny ants,  
Each little house a toy,  
While all the people looking up  
Wave to the flying boy.

*Now read introduction, page 2*

Introduction (page 2). Please read aloud to the whole group

Did you notice all the flying words like

**float and flutter**,

**duck and dive**

**soar and spin** and more.

It is interesting how the words sound good in pairs like that. I wonder why? Perhaps you can use some of these words in your stories.

The sheet has two story ideas for you to try today. One is like the poem. What would YOU do if you woke up with wings. It would be funny at school.

REMEMBER. You don't have to write about you. You can make up a character to have the flying adventure.

The second idea on the sheet is about an inventor who really wanted to grow wings like a bird. Instead he made himself a flying machine that he could strap to his back, as bit like a small helicopter. It didn't look very safe.

Have you got some ideas for stories?

Now before you ask your scribes to help you, have a look at some of the flyers I have sent for you to try.

1. There is a spinner.

Stand on a chair and drop it to see what happens.

2. There is a flyer. Throw it. It doesn't look like a plane but it can go through the air.

3. There is a flying person. These are really easy to make for yourself. Can you see how the wings are made? Yes, you just have to draw around your hands.

Well, time to start story making.

I am sure that your stories will all be as exciting as usual.

Until next time, Authors and Scribes.

Best wishes, Chris



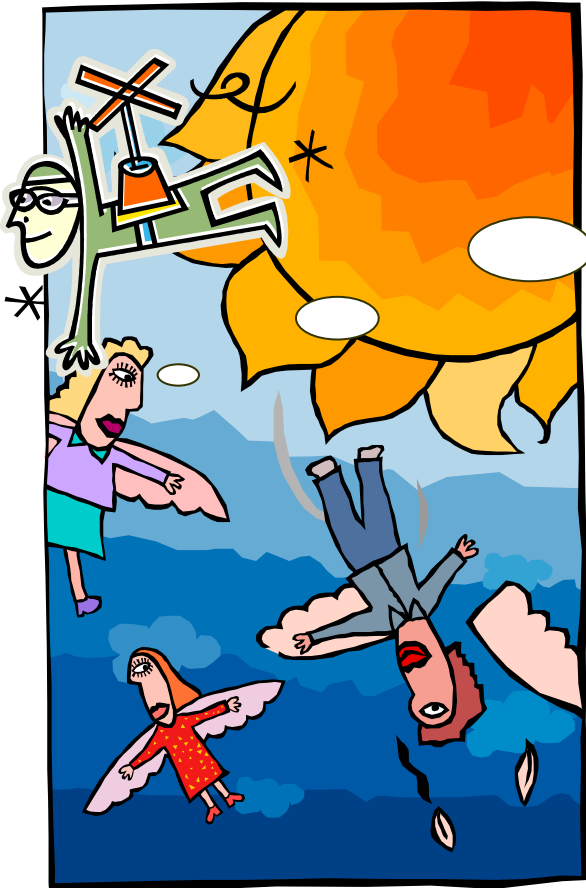


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## Authors and Scribes



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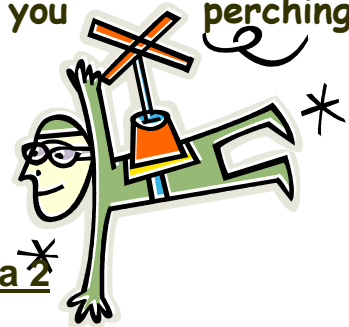
How would you like to wake up one day and find that you had grown wings?

Would they be big and feathery?

Would they be bright colours?

How might it feel to spread your wings and fly up into the sky for the first time?

What would your mum say if she found you perching in a tree?



### Story idea 1

How did you discover your wings?

What did they look like?

How did they feel?

Were they tickly?

How did you try them out?

What did it feel like to fly?

Where did you go?

What did people think?

Did you fly to school?

What did things look like from the sky?

What happened to your wings?

### Story idea 2

Would you rather make a story about an inventor who designed a strange flying machine like the one in the picture.

What is his name?

How did he make the machine?

Where did he fly?

What happened?