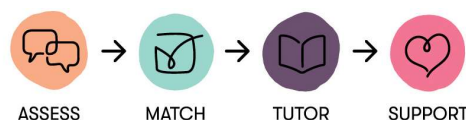


## Student Page

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Some balloons carry engines that turn a propeller, which drives them through the air. This type of balloon can be driven by a pilot and is called a dirigible or an airship.

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## Reading Comprehension 5 Assessment

1. Have the student read the following story to you. Then take away the story so they can't refer to it later.

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**Mark dashes in the appropriate boxes for all the times they miss, add or mispronounce a word while they are reading the story to you.**

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Missed words

Added words

Mispronounced words

How was their reading pace? \_\_\_\_\_

What was their tone? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Ask the following comprehension questions.

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- \_\_\_ What was the first flying craft invented by man? (The balloon)
- \_\_\_ When did experimenters send the first balloon into the air? (In 1783)
- \_\_\_ What was the first balloon made of? (Paper)
- \_\_\_ What was the first balloon filled with? (Hot air, or hot air and smoke)
- \_\_\_ Why are engines sometimes put on balloons? (To turn a propeller, or to drive them through the air)
- \_\_\_ What is a balloon that can be driven by a pilot called? (A dirigible, or an airship)
- \_\_\_ What were airships used for, for quite a long period of time? (To carry passengers, or for transportation)
- \_\_\_ What does the word transportation mean? (A means of carrying people, or a means of carrying things from place to place)
- \_\_\_ Why are airships no longer used for transportation? (Because they are slow and/or dangerous)
- \_\_\_ Why do you think balloons may still be used for a long time? (Because they are thrilling, or because people still enjoy riding in them)

