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"Colin Concorde is sure to win," sighed Timmy Trainer.

Peter Passenger Plane wasn't so sure."He may be fast, but he can't turn as tightly as some of the other aeroplanes."

Everyone was very excited. Today was the day of the Airfield Air Race, and all the aeroplanes had their own opinions on who would win.





Most thought the winner would be a jet-engined aeroplane, and favourites to win included Colin Concorde, Benny and the Jets, Harry Harrier, Jasper Jetliner and Sophie Sportster.

Archie Airship and 'Arry Air Balloon didn't stand a chance. Jolly Jock McTwin would be too busy telling jokes and Ronnie the Wreck was a non-starter, as he was every year!

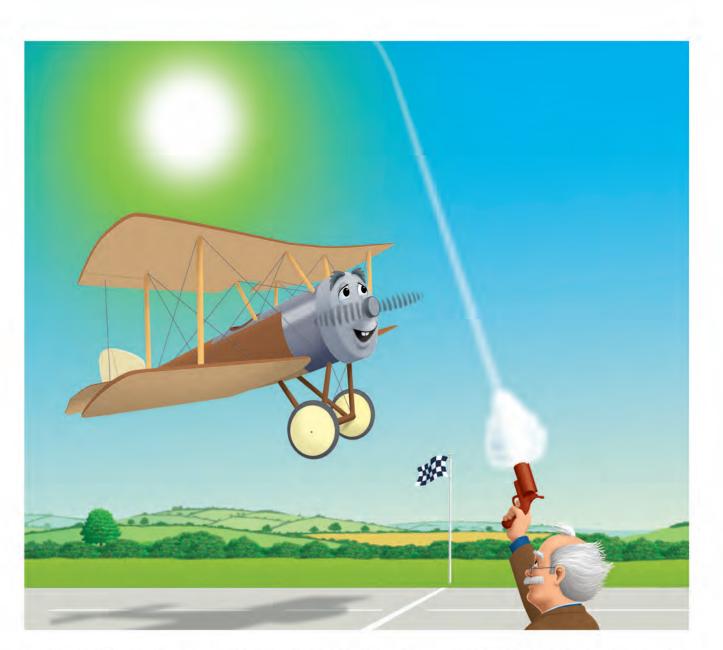
the start.

"Only a couple of minutes to go," thought Harry Harrier to himself, as he hovered near the start. "I'd give anything to win."

The race was being flown around a triangular course. The first aeroplane to complete two laps of the course would be the winner.



The aeroplanes all took off in plenty of time for

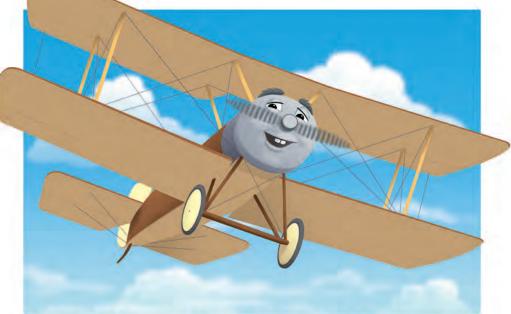


Suddenly there was a loud BANG! as Mr Engineer fired a green flare to start the race, and they were off!

First into the lead was Bertie Biplane. Bertie knew he was too old and too slow to win, but he felt very proud to be ahead of all the other aeroplanes across the startline. First to overtake Bertie was Jumbo George. George knew that he couldn't win the race either, as he was far too big to turn tightly round the course, and the smaller aeroplanes would easily overtake him. But it didn't matter, as he was thrilled to be leading, even if it wouldn't be for long!







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