Section 1: Airfields Can Be Dangerous Places!

Know the dangers involved in visiting an airfield. Read the statements below and tick the correct answer.

You should never drop litter, but why is it especially important not to drop litter on an airfield?

- It makes the airfield look untidy?
- Rubbish might blow off the airfield into someone’s garden?
- Pieces of litter could get sucked into jet engines and damage them?

An aeroplane on the ground is taxiing towards you. Should you...

- Run Away?
- Stand Still?
- Lie Down?

A jet aeroplane is standing on the tarmac with its engine running. Where is safe to stand?

- In front of the jet intake.
- Behind the jet exhaust.
- To the side of the aircraft and well clear.

A winch cable, for launching gliders, is lying on the ground. Should you...

- Leave it alone?
- Pick it up and practice tying knots with it?
- Attach it to something, such as another scout?

You are waiting for a helicopter to land. Should you...

- Stand on the spot where it is going to land so that you get a good view?
- Run towards it as it descends?
- Keep well away and wait for the rotors to stop and the pilot to signal it’s safe before you approach it?

A light aircraft is being serviced in a hangar. Is it safe to...

- Turn the propeller by hand?
- Get into the cockpit and try the controls?
- Assume that the aircraft is a dangerous place and keep well clear?

You see a red triangle near the cockpit of a jet aeroplane. What does it mean?

- Ejector seat.
- Don’t climb on the aircraft.
- Nothing – it’s just a pretty pattern.
**Section 2: Visit an Air Museum**

By visiting the RAF Museum, Cosford you have completed Section 2 of your Air Activities Badge

**Section 3: Activities**

For Section 3 you will need to complete 3 activities.

Activity 3A: Parts of an Aeroplane

Correctly label the aeroplane diagram below with the following terms:

- **Fuselage** – the body of an aeroplane
- **Wing** – the part which supports the aeroplane when flying
- **Tailplane** – small horizontal wing at the tail of the aeroplane
- **Fin** – the upright surface on the tail
- **Rudder** – hinged rear part of the fin which helps the pilot to steer
- **Aileron** – hinged rear edge of the wing
- **Elevator** – hinged rear part of the tailplane
- **Undercarriage** – the landing gear and wheels
- **Cockpit** – where the pilot sits

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**Scouts**
3B: Find examples of the different types of aircraft listed below

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<td>Aeroplanes use the shape of their wings to obtain lift.</td>
<td>Helicopters have rotary wings which lift the aircraft by whirling round.</td>
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<td>Some aeroplanes have more than one set of wings. One set of wings is a monoplane. Two sets of wings is a biplane.</td>
<td>Balloons and airships are filled with gas or hot air which is lighter than the air around them.</td>
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Fill in the name of an aircraft in the Museum that is an:

Airliner ________________________________________________________________
Biplane ________________________________________________________________
Monoplane with propeller ______________________________________________
Twin engined aeroplane _________________________________________________
Jet-propelled aeroplane ________________________________________________
Helicopter _____________________________________________________________
Flying Boat ____________________________________________________________
Four engined aeroplane _________________________________________________

Activity 3C: Match each weather condition to the correct statement about flight

**Thick Fog**  
**Warm Sun**  
**Temperature below freezing at ground level**  
**Thunder and Lightning**  
**Very Strong Winds**  
**Snow**

**Perfect for gliding**  
**De-ice aircraft before flight**  
**Wait for improved visibility before taking off**  
**Clear runway before aircraft land or take off**  
**Ideal conditions for ballooning**  
**Bumpy conditions for flight**