

Fighter Planes

Complete the first two components, Pre-Reading Zone In and Pre-Reading Predicting, before reading the complete text. Then undertake the remaining components, from During Reading My Connection. Each component will open the relevant pages of text, if applicable, but you can go back to any part of the text at any time.

Tab 1 Pre-Reading Zone In

Tab 2 Pre-Reading Predicting

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The first three questions are literal questions, so the correct statement can be found in the text. The next two are interpretative or inferential questions, meaning that students need to interpret or infer from the text to find the correct statement. The final question is an applied or evaluative question, so students need to apply or evaluate the information from the text to choose an answer, and there may be no “correct” answer.

Here are the answers for the assessment task.

Literal

1. a Jet engines burn a mixture of fuel and air.
2. c The Hornet fighter plane is named after a type of wasp.
3. b Many fighter planes are light and agile so they can twist and turn easily.

Interpretative or inferential

1. c The Hornet fighter plane is very useful because it can do two jobs.
2. b The B-2 is hard to see in the sky because it is very flat and has one giant wing.

Applied or evaluative

Answers will vary.

As an additional assessment task, ask each student to read the following text out loud. Then mark any errors and work out the percentage of accuracy to see how well each student can read aloud.

This text is 113 words. To convert to a percentage of accuracy, divide the number of words pronounced correctly by 113 and multiply by 100.

Modern fighter planes are high-speed machines. They need to be. Pilots are flying to places where they are not welcome. The enemy will have their own planes and deadly weapons.

Fighter planes must also be agile. They fly into narrow valleys and skim low over mountains. They need to dodge their way out of trouble and attack at the same time.

The F/A-18 Hornet is a classic fighter. It can twist and turn like a snake in the sky. It can fly in low to hit a target and then speed away.

Some fighter planes are made to fight in the sky. Others attack targets on the ground. The Hornet can do both.