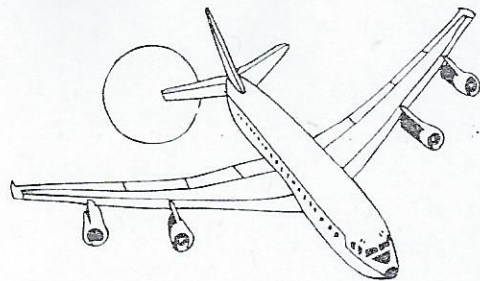


THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE

Day 4



On December 5, 1945, five U.S. Navy airplanes disappeared over the Atlantic Ocean. The area where the planes vanished is called the Bermuda Triangle. It is also called the Devil's Triangle. It is located in the Atlantic Ocean off the southeastern coast of Florida.

The missing planes were not the only objects to disappear in this area. Since 1854, more than 50 ships and planes have vanished in or near the Triangle.

On that December day, five Navy planes took off from Florida. The pilots of Flight 19 were on a regular training flight. As they flew into the Triangle, everything seemed fine. At about 3:15 p.m., a strange message was heard. "Calling tower. This is an emergency. We seem to be off course. We cannot see land. Repeat. We cannot see land."

The tower asked for Flight 19's position, and the pilot reported

that they seemed to be 200 miles northeast of Miami, Florida. That was the last message received from Flight 19.

Immediately after the last message, the Navy sent out a rescue plane with 13 men aboard. The only message the rescue plane reported was that there were strong winds in the area. That was the last message received from the rescue plane. It also disappeared.

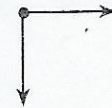
Now there were six planes lost in the Bermuda Triangle. After the rescue plane failed to return, the Navy sent out 250 planes and boats to search the area. They searched for 5 days, but found no clues to the disappearance of 27 men and 6 planes. It appeared as though the ocean had swallowed up any clues that might have helped to solve the mystery of the missing planes.

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Fill in the blanks. Then find your answers in the word search.

1. The planes disappeared in the area called the _____.
2. The five navy planes disappeared in the month of _____.
3. The area is also called the _____ Triangle.
4. The Bermuda Triangle is located in the _____ Ocean.
5. The navy planes took off from the state of _____.
6. The pilot said they seemed to be 200 miles northeast of _____, Florida.
7. When the pilot called the tower, he said, "This is an _____."
8. Since 1854, more than 50 ships and planes have _____ in or near the Triangle.



Research: Find *Bermuda Triangle* in an encyclopedia or atlas. Draw a picture of it. Make sure to label the states or countries that form its borders.