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My name is Jane Jones. I live with my mum, Sally Jones, and my little brother, Eddie Jones. I like to build things.

One day, a teacher put up a notice at my school. It had the title *Fantastic Flying Machine*.

The notice said, "We are looking for crazy kids to design and build their own flying machines. We will test the machines on September 23. There will be a lot of great prizes. All welcome!"



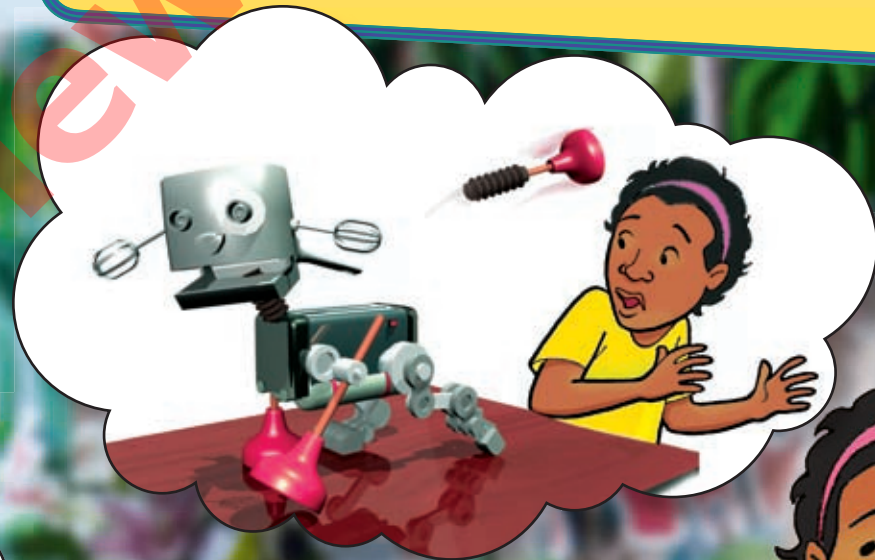
At once, I knew this was right up my alley.

Last year, I designed a three-wheeled bike with a built-in umbrella stand. However, one of the wheels fell off while I was testing it.



Last month, I built a fantastic remote-controlled sliming machine. It had two pumps that shot slime balls at people. Sadly, it backfired while I was testing it and I slimed myself.

Last week, I tried to build a robot dog to replace our cat, Stan, who had died of old age. That didn't quite work out, either. So, I'm quite a builder – but I had never tried to build a flying machine before.



First, I went to the library to do some research. I found some old books about the Wright brothers. They built the first flying machines that actually flew. Next, I copied some pictures of some famous flying machines. Then, I made a list of the things all good flying machines should have –



Parts of a Good Flying Machine

1. A flying machine needs two wings.
2. A flying machine needs a place where the pilot sits.
3. A flying machine needs a power source.
4. A flying machine needs wheels for take-offs and landings.