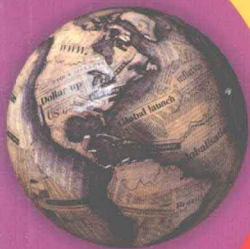


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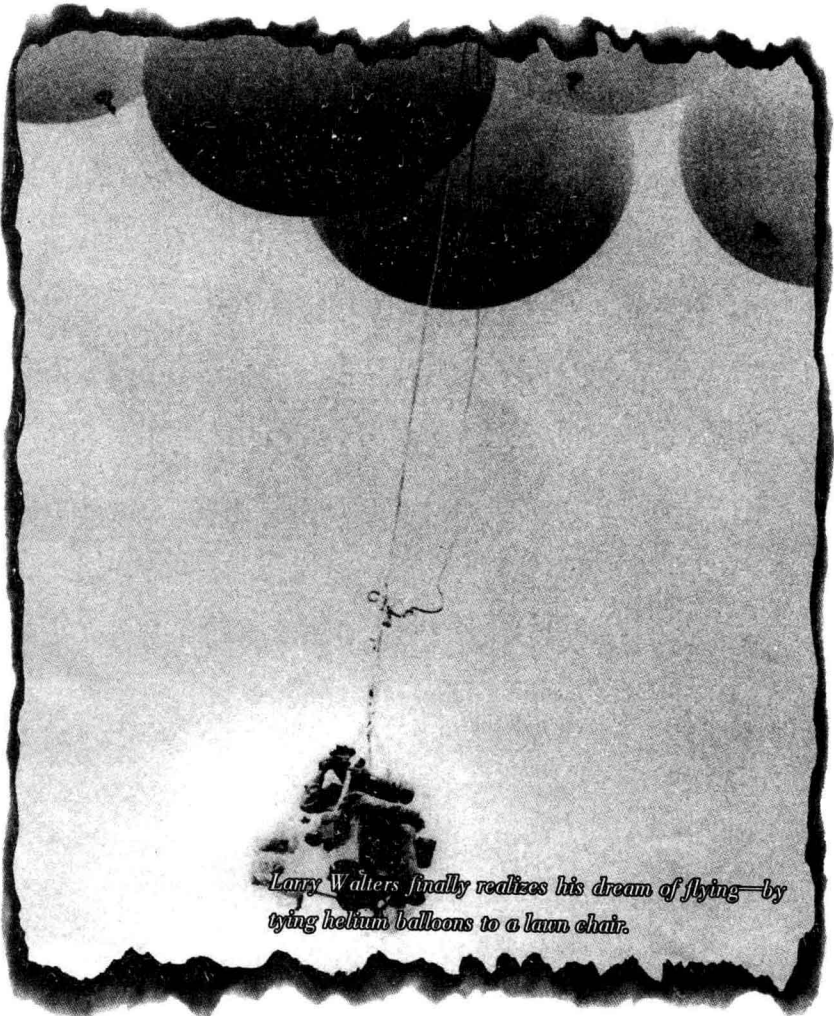
# *UNIT 1*



**The Wild Side**

# LESSON I

## *Up, UP, and Away*



*Larry Walters finally realizes his dream of flying—by tying helium balloons to a lawn chair.*

Ever since he was a kid, Larry Walters had wanted to fly. But things didn't work out for him. His poor eyesight disqualified him from being a pilot. Instead, Walters became a truck driver. Still, he never gave up his dream of flying. At last, at the age of 33, he decided he could wait no longer. He was going to do something no one had ever done before. He would fly through the skies sitting in his lawn chair!

Lawn chairs, of course, are not meant to fly. That didn't bother Larry Walters. He had a plan to make one fly. He gathered 45 weather balloons and attached them to his chair. He intended to fill them with helium, a gas lighter than air. The balloons would then lift him—and his chair—up, up and away. Walters hoped to make it a few hundred feet into the air. He figured that he would float with the wind for a while before coming back to earth.

Walters set his launch date for July 2, 1982. His launch site was a backyard in San Pedro, California. At first, everything went as planned. Walters tied the balloons to the chair. Then friends held the chair down with ropes while he filled the balloons with helium.

Walters had no training in ballooning. Still, he knew enough to be prepared. He took a parachute with him. He also brought along a CB radio, some water, and a camera. Finally, Walters brought a BB gun. He figured that way he could pop some of the balloons when he was ready to land.

When Walters gave the signal, his friends dropped the ropes. The chair lifted off, with Walters sitting in it. But the balloons worked all too well. The chair shot straight up. The jolt knocked Walters's glasses off. "It kind of startled me when it let go," he later said.

Walters had hoped to get a few hundred feet off the ground. Soon, however, he was at 16,000 feet! He was flying high enough to be spotted by airline pilots. At that height, the air was freezing. Walters was wearing only a light jacket. Before he knew it, he was growing numb from the cold. He was also getting scared. The fun was over. Now all he thought about was how to get down safely.

Walters sent out a Mayday message over his CB radio. Then he used his BB gun to pop a few of the balloons. To his great relief, the chair started to come down. But there was still his landing to worry about.

Luckily, Walters did land in one piece. His lawn chair hit some power lines on the way down. That knocked out electricity in the area for 20 minutes. Yet somehow Walters

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walked away without a scratch. Except for a case of sunburn, he was unhurt. Later, Walters was asked why he did it. "It was something I had to do," he said. "I had this dream for 20 years. If I hadn't done it, I would have ended up in a funny farm."

Some people wondered if he planned to do it again. "I'm staying right on the ground," he answered when asked. "It was a one-shot deal. You couldn't pay me a million dollars to do it again."

Many people laughed at Walters's stunt. TV shows had him on to talk about his flight. A few people even called him a hero. Others were not so amused. Officials in charge of air safety were downright angry. The flying chair could have disrupted planes taking off and landing. That could have caused a tragic accident. Still, these officials didn't know quite what to do with Walters. "If he had a pilot's license, we'd suspend that," said one. "But he doesn't." Even so, they were sure he had broken some part of the law. "And as soon as we decide which part it is, some type of charge will be filed."

In the end, Walters paid a \$1,500 fine. Air-safety officials said he had flown an unlicensed "aircraft." Also, they said he had flown too close to an airport. Larry Walters did, however, win recognition for his stunt. His flight earned him top prize from the Bonehead Club of Dallas.

**Reading Time: Lesson 1**

**Minutes** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconds** \_\_\_\_\_

# Comprehension

## heck阅读理解

(总分=100分 每题=25分)



### 主旨题

M= 符合中心思想 15 分 B= 涉及范围过广 10 分 N= 表达不全面 10 分

M=Main Idea

B=Too Broad

N=Too Narrow

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Larry Walters always wanted to fly. [This statement is true, but it is too broad.  
The story focuses on Walters's flight in a lawn chair.]
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Larry Walters flew to 16,000 feet in a lawn chair, angering air-safety officials.  
[This statement is true, but it is too narrow. It only gives a few of the details from the story.]
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Larry Walters received a lot of attention from airline officials and the media when he realized his lifelong dream to fly by tying helium balloons to a lawn chair. [This statement is the main idea. It tells you what the selection is about.]



### 细节题(每小题=5分)

本文中的细节你记住了多少? 选出正确的答案。

1. Larry Walters didn't become a pilot because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. he was afraid of heights.
  - b. his eyesight was not good enough.
  - c. he was not smart enough.
2. The balloons tied to his chair carried Walters \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. much higher than he expected.
  - b. into the flight path of an airplane.
  - c. above the clouds.
3. On his flight, Walters didn't use \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. his BB gun.
  - b. his parachute.
  - c. his CB radio.
4. When people heard about Walters's flight, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. they were angry.
  - b. they were amused.
  - c. reactions were mixed.
5. Air-safety officials \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. fined Walters for his stunt.
  - b. suspended Walters's pilot's license.
  - c. flew an unlicensed aircraft.

## 推理题(总分=25分 每小题=5分)

将个人意见与文中所提供的信息结合起来,判断下列句子是否正确。

(C= 正确推理

F= 错误推理)

**C-Correct Inference**

**F-Faulty Inference**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. There are stricter eyesight requirements for pilots than for truck drivers. [This is a correct inference. You are told that Walters's eyesight was not good enough to be a pilot. He is a truck driver, so you can infer that the requirements are not as strict.]
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Larry Walters didn't know how much helium it would take to lift a lawn chair into the air. [This is a correct inference. You are told that Walters hoped to make it a few hundred feet in the air, yet he ended up 16,000 feet in the air.]
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Walters's parachute didn't work. [This is a faulty inference. The article does not say whether Walters tried to use his parachute.]
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Walters did his stunt so that he could get on TV. [This is a faulty inference. Although Walters did get on TV, the article states that he did his stunt because he had always wanted to fly.]
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Walters had never flown in a plane. [This is a faulty inference. You can infer that Walters never piloted a plane, but the article does not state whether he ever rode in a plane.]



## 语义题(总分=25分,正确表明 C=3分,正确表明 O=2分)

选出与文中单词或短语意思相近或相反的一项。

(C= 意思相近

O= 意思相反或接近相反)

**C-Closest**

**O-Opposite or Nearly Opposite**

1. His poor eyesight disqualified him from being a pilot.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ a. allowed                      \_\_\_\_\_ b. discouraged                      \_\_\_\_\_ c. prevented
2. Before he knew it, he was growing numb from the cold.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ a. without feeling                      \_\_\_\_\_ b. sensitive                      \_\_\_\_\_ c. tired
3. That could have caused a tragic accident.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ a. big                      \_\_\_\_\_ b. terrible                      \_\_\_\_\_ c. minor
4. "If he had a pilot's license, we'd suspend that."

- \_\_\_ a. take                      \_\_\_ b. let him keep                      \_\_\_ c. discontinue
5. "It kind of startled me when it let go."
- \_\_\_ a. hurt                      \_\_\_ b. surprised                      \_\_\_ c. calmed



### 态度题(答对的问题数\_\_\_)

根据作者态度,选出正确答案。

- The main purpose of the first paragraph is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - introduce Larry Walters.
  - give the authors' opinion of Larry Walters.
  - explain the motivation for Larry Walters's flight.
- What do the authors imply by saying, "Yet somehow Walters walked away without a scratch"? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It is surprising that Larry Walters was not scratched by trees as he came down.
  - It is surprising that Larry Walters was not hurt as he came down.
  - It is surprising that Walters could walk after he landed.
- What is the authors' purpose in writing "Up, Up, and Away"? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - to entertain the reader
  - to express an opinion about Larry Walters
  - to persuade the reader not to fly in a lawn chair



### 诠释题(答对的问题数\_\_\_)

按要求完成下列各题。

- Complete the following one-sentence summary of the article using the lettered phrases from the phrase bank below.

#### Phrase Bank

- a description of what happened after the flight
- what happened when the lawn chair was launched
- an explanation of how he prepared for his flight

The article about Larry Walters begins with \_\_\_\_\_, goes on to explain \_\_\_\_\_, and ends with \_\_\_\_\_.

- Reread paragraph 6 in the article. Below, write a summary of the paragraph in no more

than 25 words.

[Explain the main ideas in paragraph 6.]

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Reread your summary and decide whether it covers the important ideas in the paragraph. Next, decide how to shorten the summary to 15 words or less without leaving out any essential information. Write this summary below.

[Explain the main ideas in fewer words.]

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3. Read the statement from the article below. Then read the paraphrase of that statement. Choose the reason that best tells why the paraphrase does not say the same thing as the statement. \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement:** "The flying chair could have disrupted planes taking off and landing."

**Paraphrase:** The flying chair got in the way of planes trying to take off and land.

- a. Paraphrase says too much.
- b. Paraphrase doesn't say enough.
- c. Paraphrase doesn't agree with the statement from the article. [The paraphrase states that the chair did get in the way of planes taking off and landing, but the statement only states that that was a possibility.]



**逻辑题 (答对的问题数 \_\_\_\_\_)**

选出正确答案。

- 1. Which of the following statements from the article is an opinion rather than a fact?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. "The jolt knocked off Walters's glasses."
  - b. "They were sure he had broken some part of the law."
  - c. "His flight earned him top prize from the Bonehead Club of Dallas."
- 2. From the article, you can predict that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. many people wanted to fly in lawn chairs after seeing Walters's stunt.
  - b. Larry Walters did not fly in a lawn chair again.
  - c. Larry Walters never flew again.
- 3. What did you have to do to answer question 2? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. draw a conclusion (a sensible statement based on the text and your experience)
  - b. find a purpose (why something is done)

- c. make a prediction (a decision on what is likely to happen based on information in the article)
4. What was the effect of popping a few of the balloons with a BB gun? \_\_\_\_
- a. The electricity was knocked out in the area for 20 minutes.
  - b. The chair started to come down.
  - c. Walters landed in one piece.
5. Of the following theme categories, which would this story fit into? \_\_\_\_
- a. flying machines
  - b. fact is stranger than fiction
  - c. courageous acts

## **S**elf **A**ssessment 自我评估

I can't believe . . . [Write something you found hard to believe while reading  
the article.]

A word or phrase in the article that I do not understand is

[Write a word or phrase in the article that you did not understand.]



## 起来,起来,飞走了

拉利·沃特斯最终实现了他飞行的梦想——他把氦气球系在太师椅上飞了起来。

当拉利·沃特斯还是个孩子的时候他就向往飞行,但是他并不顺利。他视力不好,这使他没能成为飞行员而当了一名卡车司机,但是他从来就没有放弃过飞行的梦想。最后在他33岁时他决定不能再等下去了,将要做一个前无古人的壮举,他打算乘坐太师椅飞上天空!

太师椅,当然不是用来飞行的。这并没有难住拉利·沃特斯。他制定了一个飞行计划。他找来了45个气象观测用的气球并把它们系在太师椅上。他打算在它们中充上氦气,因为这种气体比空气轻。这些气球会把他和他的太师椅一起提升起来——越升越高,然后飞走。沃特斯希望能飞到几百英尺的空中。他计算着,可以随风飘动很长一段的路程,然后降落。沃特斯把他出发的日期定在1982年的7月2日。他的发射场就在加利福尼亚圣佩德罗的后院里。起初所有的事情都按计划顺利的进行,沃特斯把气球系在太师椅上,他的朋友们用绳子把椅子拉住,而他向气球中充氦气。

沃特斯在驾驶气球方面没有受过训练。而且他也要准备充分一些。他带了一个降落伞,还带了一部民用无线电台,水和照相机。最后沃特斯还带了一把射击塑料子弹的玩具手枪。他考虑到如果想要降落可以用它击爆一些气球。

沃特斯发出信号,他的朋友们就松开绳子。椅子离开了地面,沃特斯坐在上面。但是看起来气球太过于好使了,椅子拔地而起,把沃特斯的眼镜震落了。“刚开始简直把我吓傻了,”他后来说。

本来沃特斯打算升到离地面几百英尺的高度。但是很快他就升到了16000英尺的高空!他来到了航空班机使用的空域。这一高度,空气十分寒冷。沃特斯只穿了一件单衣。他还没有想明白是怎么回事,就已经冻得浑身麻木了,而且当时他也害怕起来。现在一点也不好玩了,他想的是如何才能安全降落回地面。

沃特斯通过他的无线电发出了求救信号,然后他用玩具手枪击爆了一些气球。椅子开始下降,他终于松了口气。但是他还要为着陆而发愁。

幸运的是,沃特斯整个回来了。他的太师椅在下降的过程中撞断了一段电线。这导致在那个区域停电20分钟。沃特斯却奇迹般地毫发无伤,除了有点阳光的灼伤外,他一点问题都没有。后来人们问他为什么这样做。“这是我必须做的,”他说,“这个梦已经萦绕我20年了,如果我不这样做,我恐怕到老也做不成了,只能老守田园了。”

一些人问他是否打算再做一次冒险。“我就打算呆在地面上了,”他回答到,“这是一锤子买卖,给我一百万美元我也不干了。”

许多人嘲笑沃特斯的惊人行动。电视台对他的飞行做了访谈节目。有一些人甚至称他是英雄。还有一些人并不怎么高兴。管理飞行安全的官员十分愤怒,因为“飞