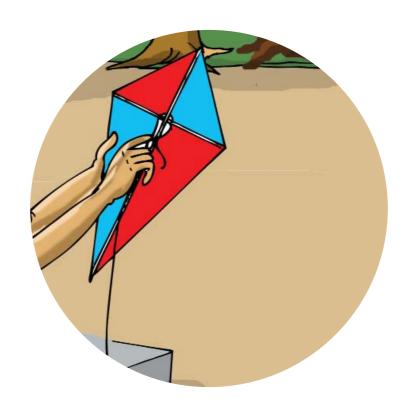


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Olivia and her little brother, Owen, love flying objects. They always like standing outside their house to watch airplanes fly by.



One day, while at school, Olivia's teacher taught the class how to make kites and small windmills out of paper.



The next day Olivia decided to make a toy windmill for Owen and a kite for herself. She asked her mother for pieces of cardboard paper, glue, string, and a razor blade. She found a small stick to use as well.



Olivia sat down and cut the paper just like her teacher had shown her. She got a stick and a pin. She pinned the paper on the stick and finished making the windmill. It was easy to do because she remembered every step.



Owen was the happiest boy ever. He thanked his sister and began running around with his windmill. The wind was blowing the toy windmill and it was turning around. Owen kept on running around with his new toy.



Meanwhile, Olivia was busy making a kite for herself. She wanted something that could fly very high in the sky. She had seen aeroplanes and helicopters flying by and was always fascinated by how they could float in the sky.



She completed making the kite. It looked exactly like how the teacher had taught her; one big but short triangle on the top. The other one long but thin triangle at the bottom all attached together. She tied a long string on the kite.



Olivia held her newly made kite by the string, the wind blew and the kite flew up in the sky. The more the wind blew the higher the kite flew. The kite flew higher and higher until the string was fully straight.



All of a sudden, something that looked like a small airplane passed by. The kite's thread got tangled in its wings. Olivia was surprised to see what looked like a mini airplane taking away her kite. She called her mother to come and help.



Olivia's mother came running and saw that it was a drone. She explained to Olivia that that was a drone that carries blood and medicine to hospitals. "It looks like a mini plane but it has no one inside it," she said. It's more like a kite, it's operated by someone on the ground.

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Even though Olivia was sad to have lost her kite, she was happy to learn that something that can fly like a kite can be very useful. She told her mother and Owen that, "Now that I can make kites, the next thing I will learn is how to make drones. I will not stop learning until I know how to make drones."



The mother replied, "That is a good ambition Olivia, I wish you all the best. I will buy you books about drones so that you learn more about them. In the meantime, have more cardboard papers and make another kite for yourself."

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