

Topic 1: Glossary

aerodynamics	the study of the forces of flight acting on bodies in motion through the air
aeronautics	the science of flight
aircraft	a machine used for flying. Airplanes, helicopters, blimps and jets are all aircraft.
airplane	an aircraft that uses the force of air on its wings (called lift) to fly
aviation	the operation of aircraft. There are three types of aviation: general, commercial, and military
biplane	an airplane with two sets of wings. The first airplane ever built had two sets of wings, one on top of the other.
monoplane	an airplane with one set of wings. Most aircraft today have only one set of wings and are classified as monoplanes.
pilot	a person who flies an aircraft
reconnaissance	in aviation, to fly over and look closely at an area below to gather information about it.