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Family Times

Summary

The Hindenburg

Hugo Eckener was intent on developing dirigibles, and his *Hindenburg* was the largest one ever. In fact, it was the largest object ever to fly. In 1937 the *Hindenburg* exploded over New Jersey during its tenth transatlantic flight, and thirty-one people died. Instantly, the era of the dirigible ended.

Activity

Surprises Compare notes with your family about unexpected events in the news. Discuss how to plan for the unexpected.



Comprehension Skill

Fact and Opinion

A **statement of fact** is a statement that can be proved true or false. A **statement of opinion** is a statement of judgment, belief, or way of thinking about something. When you read, try to verify statements of fact. Check to see if statements of opinion are well supported by facts or experts.

Activity

Facts You Can Use Write a letter to the editor of your newspaper about an issue that is important to you and your family. Ask your family to help you find facts that will support your opinion. Make sure that your facts are accurate.