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Neil's early years

Read the text extract and answer the questions below.

Taking flight

As a child, Neil Armstrong could only dream about space travel. He was born in 1930 in a small town in Ohio, USA, and was a quiet boy with lots of friends.

From an early age, Neil was crazy about planes, taking his first flight when he was six years old. Neil began making model planes powered by elastic bands that gradually got bigger and faster. He even built a wind tunnel in his basement so he could test his model aircraft!

Neil began taking flying lessons when he was 15 and got his pilot's licence when he was 16, before he had learned to drive a car.

1. Where and when was Neil Armstrong born?

2. What did Neil do before he had learned to drive a car?

3. What did Neil Armstrong do as a child and teenager that suggested he might become an astronaut?

