

French Women *Pilots*



A twenty-question quiz spanning a century of courage, records and innovation. From licensed pioneers to today's astronauts, discover the women who have shaped French skies.

PARTICIPANT BOOKLET

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QUESTIONS

1910 – 2022

From Raymonde de Laroche to Sophie Adenot



Welcome aboard

This quiz invites you to explore a century of French women's aviation, from 1910 to today's space missions. Each question is single-choice: circle the letter that you believe is correct.

- 20 single-choice questions (A, B, C or D)
- One correct answer per question
- Indicative duration: 20 to 25 minutes
- Answer key and historical notes in the correction booklet

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01

QUESTION

Which French aviator was the first woman in the world to obtain a pilot's license, in 1910?

☐ (A) Caroline Aigle

☐ (B) Isabelle Patissier

☐ (C) Raymonde de Laroche

☐ (D) Virginie Guyot

02

QUESTION

Which French aviation pioneer crossed the Andes in 1921, becoming the first woman to achieve this feat?

☐ (A) Adrienne Bolland

☐ (B) Dorine Bourneton

☐ (C) Caroline Aigle

☐ (D) Sophie Adenot

03

QUESTION

Which French aviator set the women's speed record at 445 km/h in 1934?

☐ (A) Sophie Adenot

☐ (B) Catherine Maunoury

☐ (C) Hélène Boucher

☐ (D) Anne-Laure Michel

04

QUESTION

Which French aviator was the first woman test pilot in France and broke the sound barrier in 1953?

☐ (A) Jacqueline Auriol

☐ (B) Élise Deroche

☐ (C) Claire Roman

☐ (D) Marion Fesneau

05

QUESTION

Which French aviator, nicknamed 'the fiancée of danger', was a pioneer of air ambulance services, designed a prototype ambulance aircraft, and attempted in 1909 to cross the Channel by balloon?

☐ (A) Valérie André

☐ (B) Dorine Bourneton

☐ (C) Marie Marvingt

☐ (D) Caroline Aigle

06

QUESTION

Which French aviator was at once a Resistance fighter, a military dentist and a pilot in Indochina with more than 80 combat missions?

☐ (A) Jacqueline Domergue

☐ (B) Suzanne Jannin

☐ (C) Maryse Bastié

☐ (D) Valérie André

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QUESTION

Which French aviator set the South Atlantic crossing record in 12 hours in 1936?

(A)

Maryse Bastié

(B)

Anne-Marie Saget

(C)

Sandra Bourdon

(D)

Isabelle Fabre

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QUESTION

Which French aviator was the first woman to fly a helicopter in a war zone and carried out medical evacuations in Indochina?

(A)

Valérie André

(B)

Sophie Adenot

(C)

Clotilde Pautrat

(D)

Anne Chantal Pauwels

09

QUESTION

Which French aviator, a qualified head mechanic and intrepid pilot, won the Hélène Boucher Cup in 1935 and took part in major air raids such as Paris–Saigon and Paris–Tokyo?

(A)

Maryse Hilsz

(B)

Sophie Adenot

(C)

Dorine Bourneton

(D)

Catherine Maunoury

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QUESTION

Which French pilot became, in 1999, the first woman fighter pilot in the French Air Force?

(A)

Sophie Adenot

(B)

Caroline Aigle

(C)

Claire Roman

(D)

Virginie Guyot

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QUESTION

Which female aviator was the first woman to lead the Patrouille de France?

☐ (A) Dorine Bourneton☐ (B) Catherine Maunoury☐ (C) Virginie Guyot☐ (D) Élisabeth Boselli

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QUESTION

Which French woman pilot, with a disability, became a pioneer of adapted aerobatic flying?

☐ (A) Dorine Bourneton☐ (B) Caroline Aigle☐ (C) Sophie Adenot☐ (D) Valérie André

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QUESTION

Which French pilot was selected by ESA in 2022 to become an astronaut?

☐ (A) Catherine Maunoury☐ (B) Julie Mahe☐ (C) Sophie Adenot☐ (D) Caroline Aigle

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QUESTION

Which French pilot won two world champion titles in aerobatic flying?

☐ (A) Catherine Maunoury☐ (B) Claire Pérot☐ (C) Julie Mahe☐ (D) Caroline Aigle

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QUESTION

Which French aviator, a former Resistance fighter, was the first woman qualified on a fighter aircraft in 1946 and officially obtained her military pilot's licence in 1952?

☐ (A) Claire Roman☐ (B) Jacqueline Auriol☐ (C) Maryse Hilsz☐ (D) Élisabeth Boselli

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QUESTION

Which French aviator was the first woman to fly a Rafale aircraft in the French Air Force?

☐ (A) Julie Mahe☐ (B) Claire Mérouze☐ (C) Claire Pérot☐ (D) Virginie Guyot

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QUESTION

Which French aviator was a pioneering figure of medical aviation in the 1950s and served on several theatres of operation?

☐ (A) Anne-Marie Saget☐ (B) Maryse Hilsz☐ (C) Jacqueline Auriol☐ (D) Jacqueline Domergue

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QUESTION

Which French aviator was the first woman to fly an airliner for Air France, in 1975?

☐ (A) Maryse Hilsz☐ (B) Danielle Décuré☐ (C) Valérie André☐ (D) Isabelle Patissier

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QUESTION

Which French aviator, a former war nurse, took part in the Spanish Civil War as a volunteer pilot and died on a mission in 1941?

☐ (A) Hélène Boucher

☐ (B) Claire Roman

☐ (C) Maryse Hilsz

☐ (D) Andrée Dupeyron

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QUESTION

Which French aviator, with more than 24,000 flying hours, was an aerobatic pilot, instructor, and then captain in commercial aviation with TAT?

☐ (A) Colette Cattey

☐ (B) Reine Lacour

☐ (C) Jacqueline Auriol

☐ (D) Claire Mérouze