

Pilot Training ABCs

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For future pilots — and the kids who practice radio calls from the back seat.



— for my kids, love Dad





B is for Bank — tip a wing gently and turn through the sky.

C

PREFLIGHT

- ☒ Fuel Check
- ☒ Instruments
- ☒ Controls
- ☒ Flaps
- ☒ Seatbelt

C is for Checklist

C is for Checklist — same careful steps, every single time.



D is for Departure

D is for Departure — climb out after takeoff and leave the runway behind.



E is for Elevator

E is for Elevator — the tail surface that pitches the nose up or down.



F is for Flaps

F is for Flaps — extra wing area for slower, steeper landings.



G is for Glideslope

G is for Glideslope — follow the PAPI lights down to a safe landing.



H is for Heading

H is for Heading — the direction your airplane's nose is pointed.



I

I is for Instruments

I is for Instruments — dials and screens that tell the truth in flight.



J is for Judgment

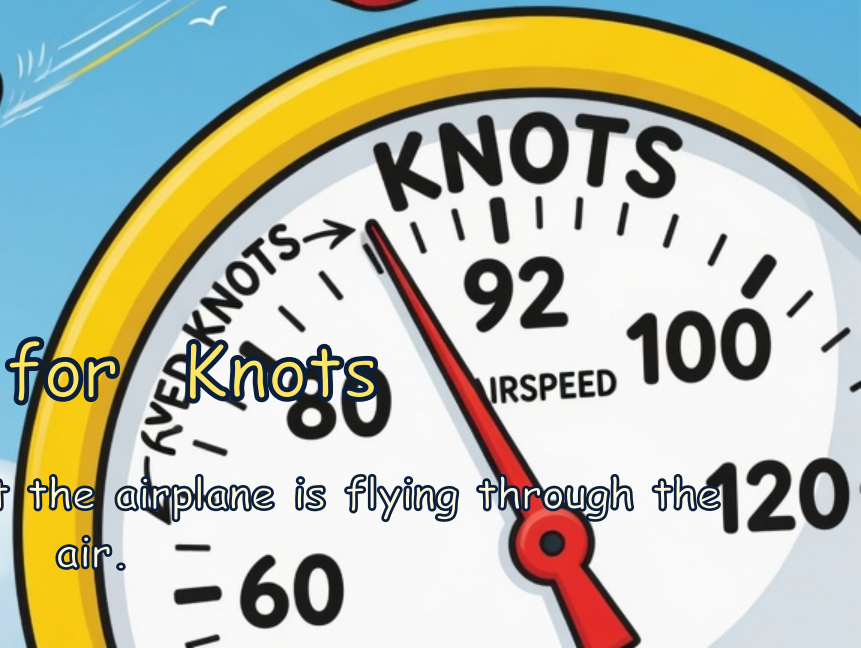
J is for Judgment — safe choices beat show-off ones every time.

K



K is for Knots

K is for Knots — how fast the airplane is flying through the air.





L is for Landing

L is for Landing — flare, chirp the wheels, and taxi clear.



M is for Mixture

M is for Mixture — push-pull control mixes fuel and air just
so.



N is for Navigation

N is for Navigation — maps, courses, and knowing where you are.

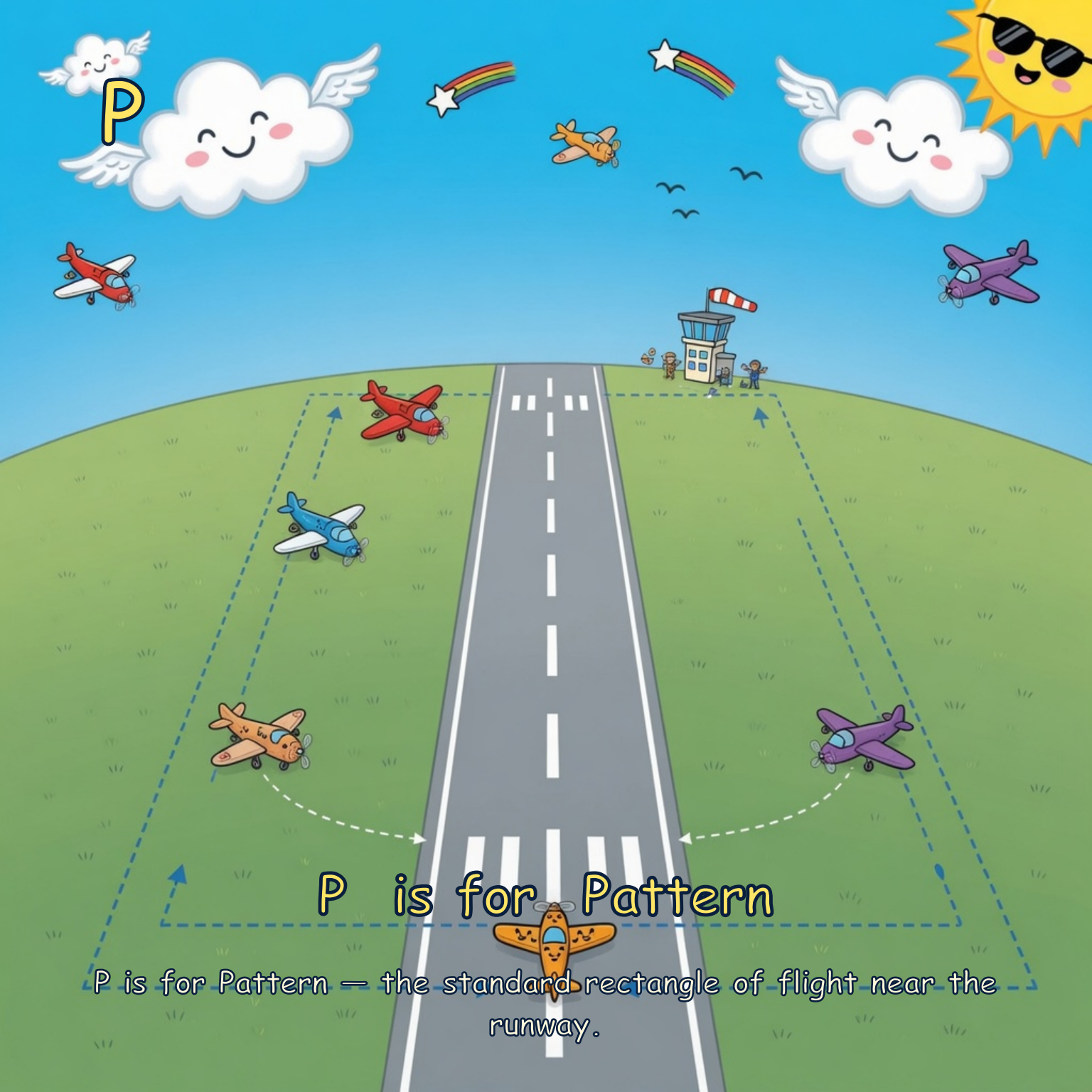
O



O is for Oxygen

O is for Oxygen — high above, pilots need air to breathe safely.

O₂ keeps you
flying high!



P is for Pattern

P is for Pattern — the standard rectangle of flight near the runway.

Q



Q is for Questions

Q is for Questions — ask your instructor everything!



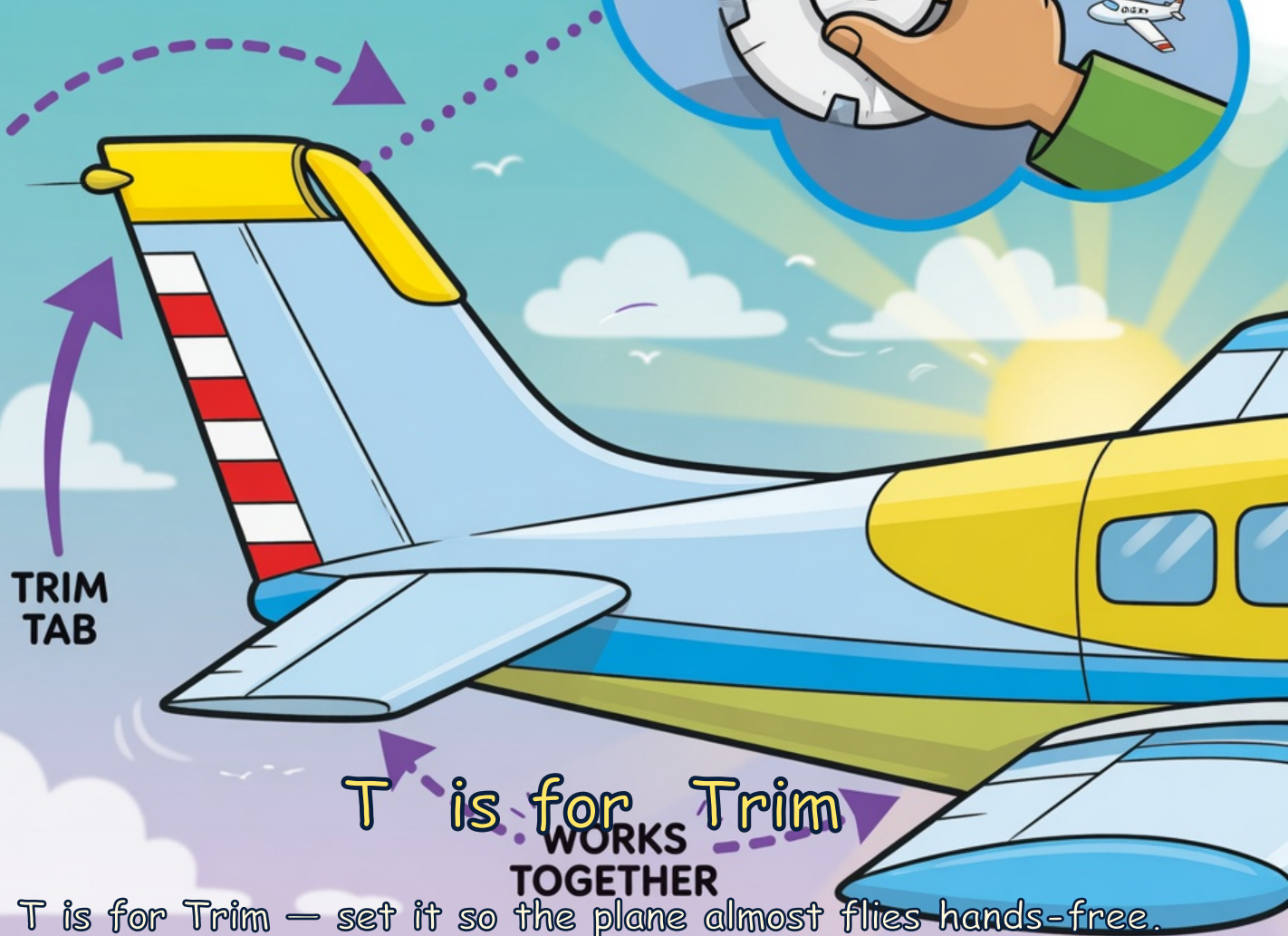
R is for Radio

R is for Radio — talk clear, listen well, share the sky.



S is for Stall — practice recovery calmly when the wing stops flying.

T



U

U is for Uncontrolled

U is for Uncontrolled — uncontrolled airspace; no tower, see and be seen.

V



V is for VFR

V is for VFR — visual flight rules: clear weather, look outside.

W



W is for Weather

W is for Weather — check the sky; sometimes the bravest choice is wait.



X is for X/C

X is for X/C — pilot shorthand for cross-country, longer training flights to new airports and home.

START



Y is for Yoke

Y is for Yoke — hands on the controls, gentle inputs.



Z is for Zulu

Z is for Zulu — coordinated world time for every flight plan.

Clear to learn!

Learn, practice, fly safe — every great pilot started with lesson one.
Clear skies!



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An alphabet for future pilots — checklists, patterns, weather, and the joy of learning to fly.

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