

Coventry Building Society's Young Writer of the Year competition 2026

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It was a bright, sunny day and I was out for a walk in the woods. As I walked through the woods, I got a peculiar feeling. The tree next to me looked different from all the others. I looked underneath the pile of leaves and found a weird-looking leaf. It was a bright golden leaf. There were signs that if you found a golden leaf, you could make a wish and it would come true.

"I wish I could become a pilot," I thought. It was my dream job. In the blink of an eye, I found myself in an airport. I looked in the queue. Somehow, I was wearing a pilot suit! It said 'I.S. Blue' in big writing. My wish came true! Walking towards my plane, my heart was racing. As I approached my plane, I realised it was an Airbus A380. My favourite aircraft. I walked across the huge tunnel, through the door and into the enormous cockpit of the A380.



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Proudly, I sat in the captain's seat, I got
for pushback and the colossal A380 left the hangar
onto the taxiway. I started taxiing to the runway.
Taxiing to the runway, I felt so excited. I was about
to do my first takeoff in real life. After a few
minutes, we reached runway 27R. As soon as
we got clearance, I pushed the throttle to maximum.
When we got to the end of the runway, I pulled
the yoke up slightly and... wow! My first
takeoff was a huge success. A few minutes before
landing, I got concerning warning. I had 10 minutes
of fuel remaining!!! What can I do? I immediately
I made a mayday call to the nearest airport.
"Mayday Mayday", I screamed, "We have no
fuel remaining. I rapidly lowered the landing
gear, set the flaps to 30° and reduced my
speed to land. I nervously landed the colossal,
gigantic plane. The next day, I saw myself
on TV! Was I famous? Later that evening, I
got a trophy for being the best pilot in the world!!