

1. A plane normally flies 190 mph if there is no wind. Today there is a 10 mph wind.

a. How fast would the plane actually travel if it flies with the wind (**tailwind**)?

$$190 + 10 = 200 \text{ mph}$$

b. How fast would the plane actually travel if it flies against the wind (**headwind**)?

$$190 - 10 = 180 \text{ mph}$$

c. How far could the plane fly in 2.25 hrs if it flies with a tailwind?

$$d = r \cdot t = 200(2.25) = 450 \text{ miles}$$

d. How far could the plane fly in 2.5 hours if it flies with a headwind?

$$d = r \cdot t = 180(2.5) = 450 \text{ miles}$$

2. A plane flies **P** mph without any wind and the wind is blowing **W** mph.

a. Write an expression for the speed of the plane with a tailwind.

$$P + W$$

b. Write an expression for the speed of the plane with a headwind.

$$P - W$$

c. Write an equation using $d = r \cdot t$ to model the fact that the plane flies 720 miles from one city to another city with a headwind in 3.6 hours.

$$720 = 3.6(P - W)$$

d. Write an equation using $d = r \cdot t$ to model the fact that the plane flies the 720 mile return trip between the same two cities with a tailwind in 3 hours.

$$720 = 3(P + W)$$

e. Solve this system of equations to find the speed of the wind **W** and the speed the plane can fly with no wind **P**.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 720 & = & 3.6P - 3.6W \\ 720 & = & 3P + 3W \\ \hline & -0r- & + \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{rcl} 200 & = & P - W \\ 240 & = & P + W \\ \hline 440 & = & 2P \\ 220 & = & P \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Speed of the plane} = 220 \text{ mph} \\ \text{Speed of the wind} = 20 \text{ mph} \end{array}$$

$W = 20$