



Who are Air Traffic Controllers?

Coloring and Activity Book



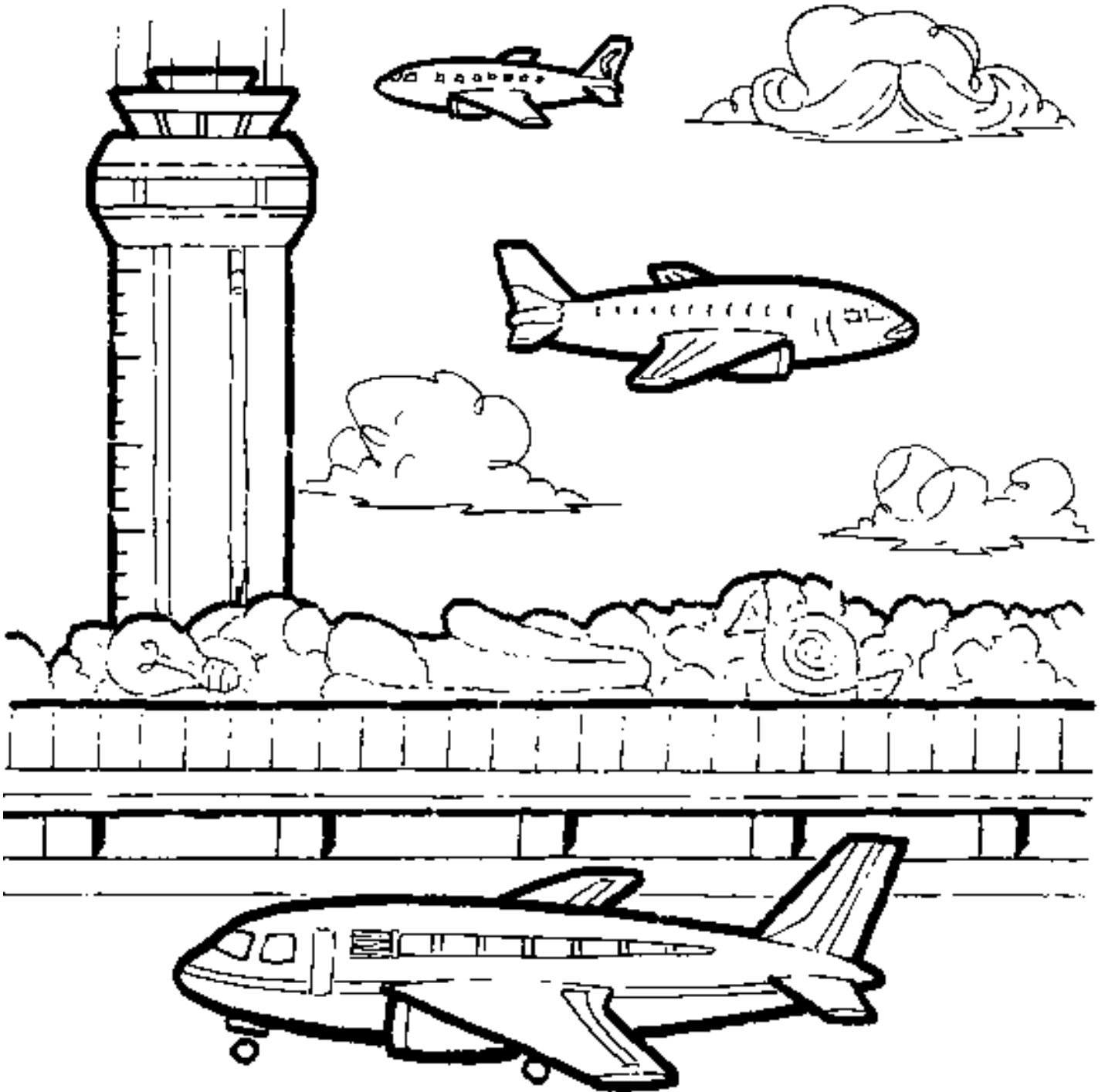
Everyday, over 2 million people travel across our nation's skies.



Can you spot the six things wrong with this picture?

Answers: upside down clock, deer with purse, octopus in suitcase, pant leg cut off, ticket agent holding sock, deer wearing necklace

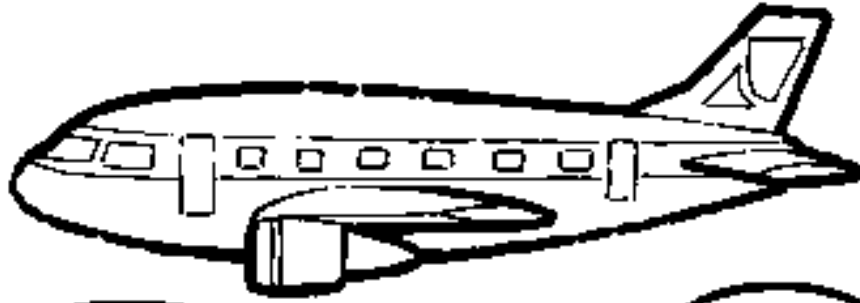
And everyday, air traffic controllers are at work keeping air travelers safe.



Can you find the 10 objects hidden in this picture?

Air traffic controllers work to safely separate aircraft as they travel across the sky.

Unscramble the letters to see some of the equipment controllers use.



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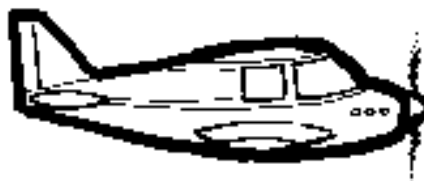
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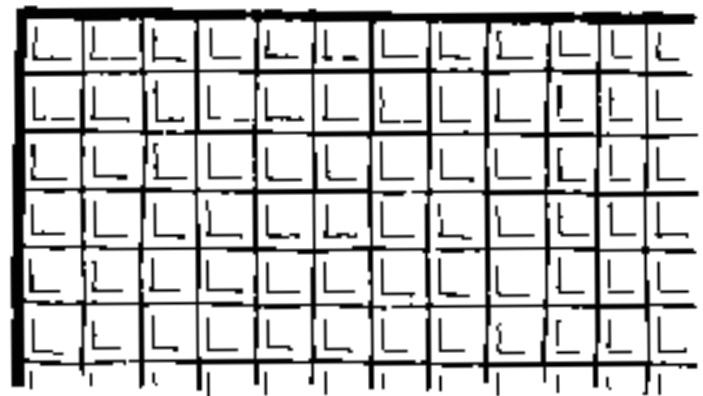
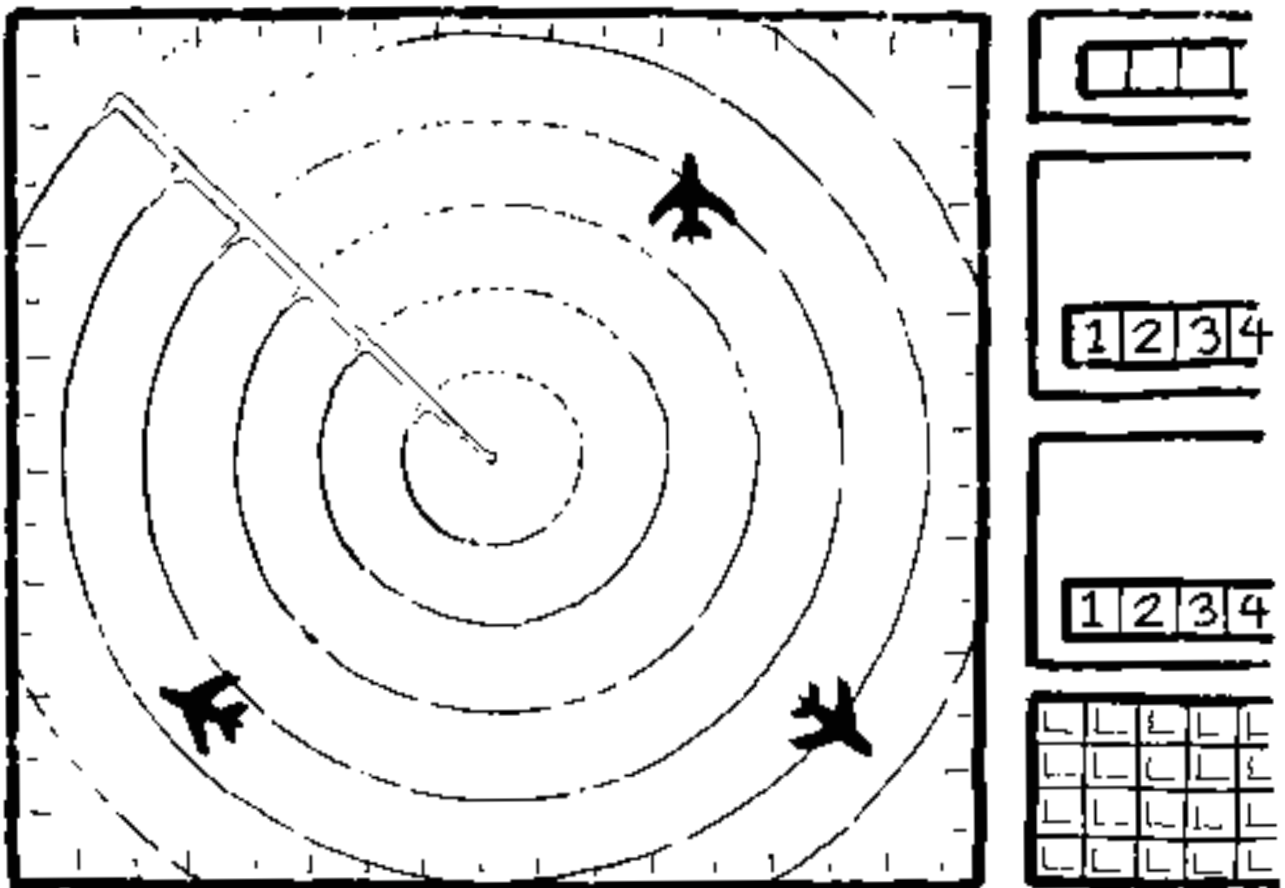
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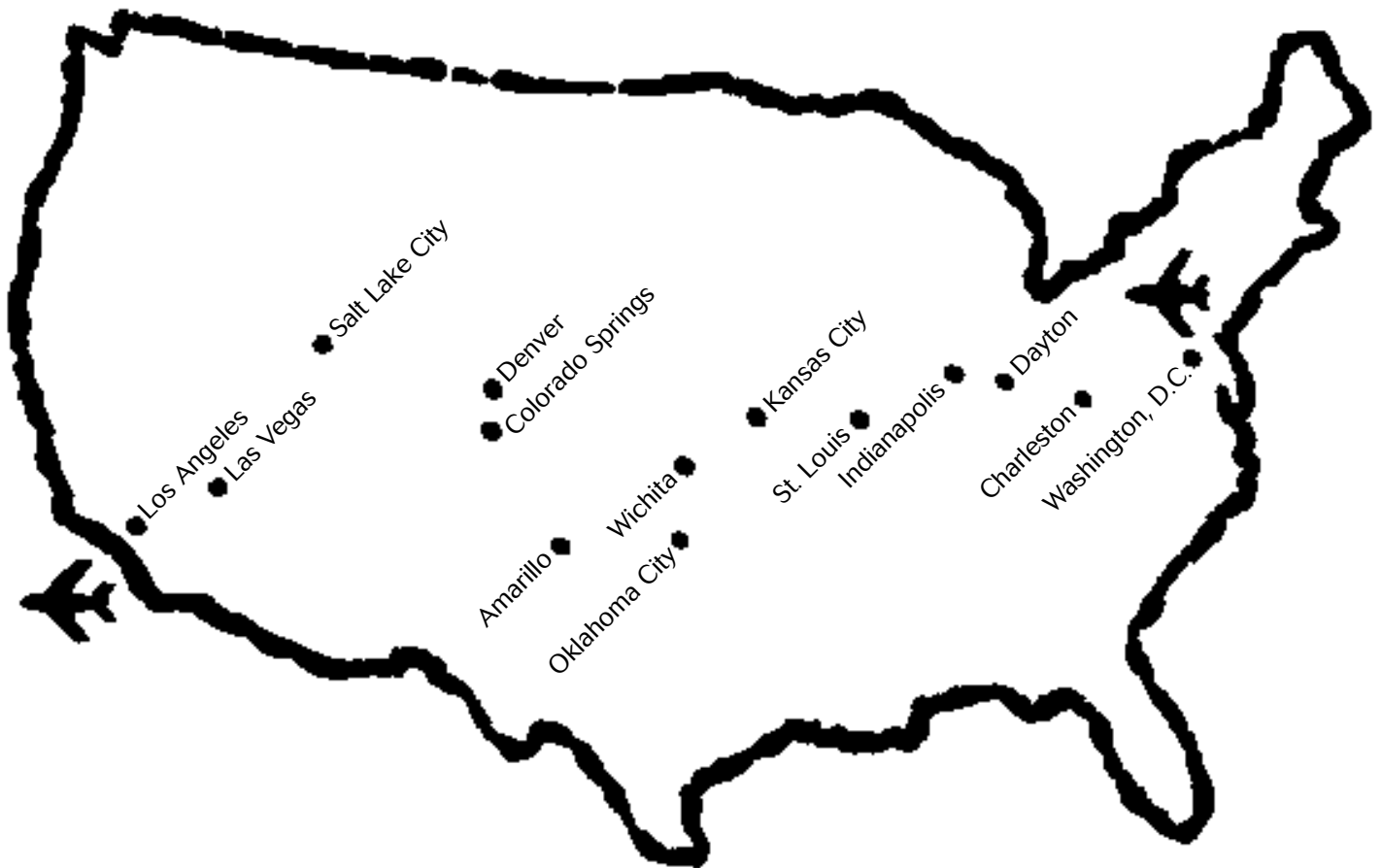
Air traffic controllers use radar to track aircraft.



Can you draw five more airplanes on the controller's radar scope? (And remember keep them safely separated.)

Air traffic controllers work together in a rhythm similar to runners in a relay race.

A controller will work an aircraft until it reaches the end of his defined airspace - and then will hand it off to the next controller - similar to a runner handing the baton off after running his leg of the race.



Can you follow the plane's journey as the air traffic controllers work together to move the aircraft from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles, California?

Air traffic controllers work in three different types of facilities.

Tower

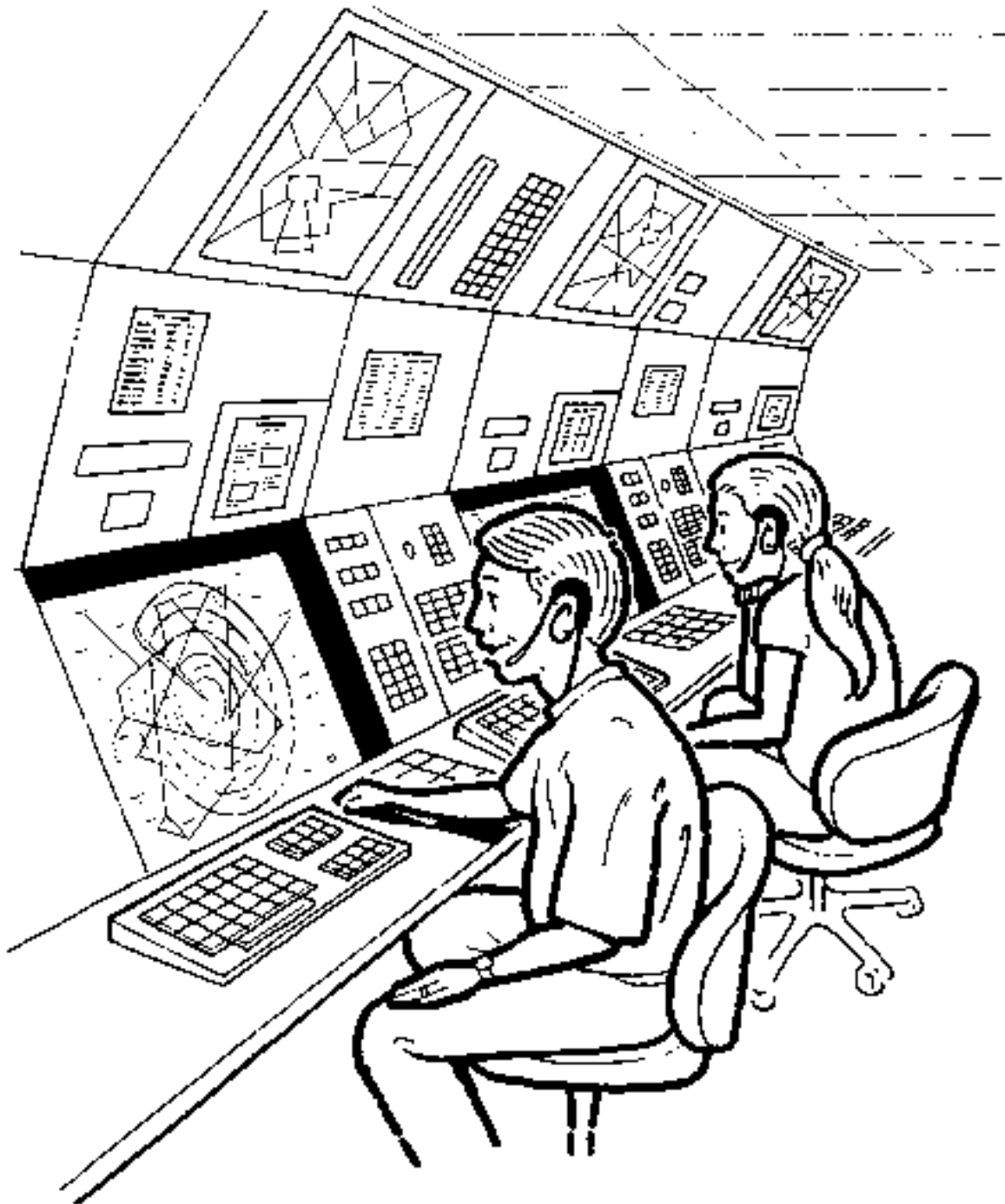


Some controllers work in the glass enclosed towers you see at airports. They give pilots taxi and take off clearance. Once the aircraft reaches the edge of the tower's jurisdiction - it is handed off to the controller in the TRACON.

Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON)

Controllers also work in radar rooms called TRACONs - which are located either at the base of the airport tower or in a building completely separate from the airport.

These controllers provide service to the aircraft until it reaches the edge of the facility's airspace then they hand it off to the center.



Air Route Traffic Control Center

Controllers in centers work at 20 facilities across the country, and will provide service to the aircraft for the majority of its journey.

A typical center is responsible for more than 100,000 square miles of airspace generally extending over a number of states.

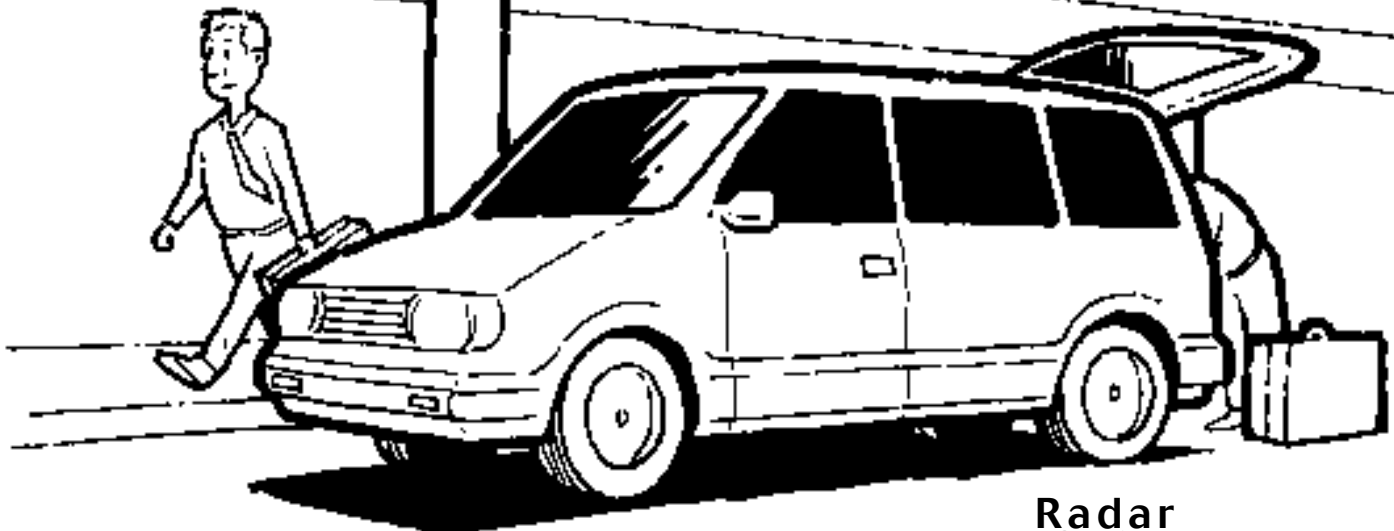


Which air traffic controller is different from the others?



Find the aviation-related words.

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E U O J B N K E B T D U G P S A F E L M
S H L Q R G A Q A J I W F J C U N F N K
A I R U T E R M P V V T O W E R J G R L
H R P H R A F R L K O A D T K N E J E T
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Z U J T W E E A I R P L A N E W B P P Z



Taxi
Air Traffic Controller
Runway
Passenger

Radar
Safe
Tower
Take off
Airspace
Airplane

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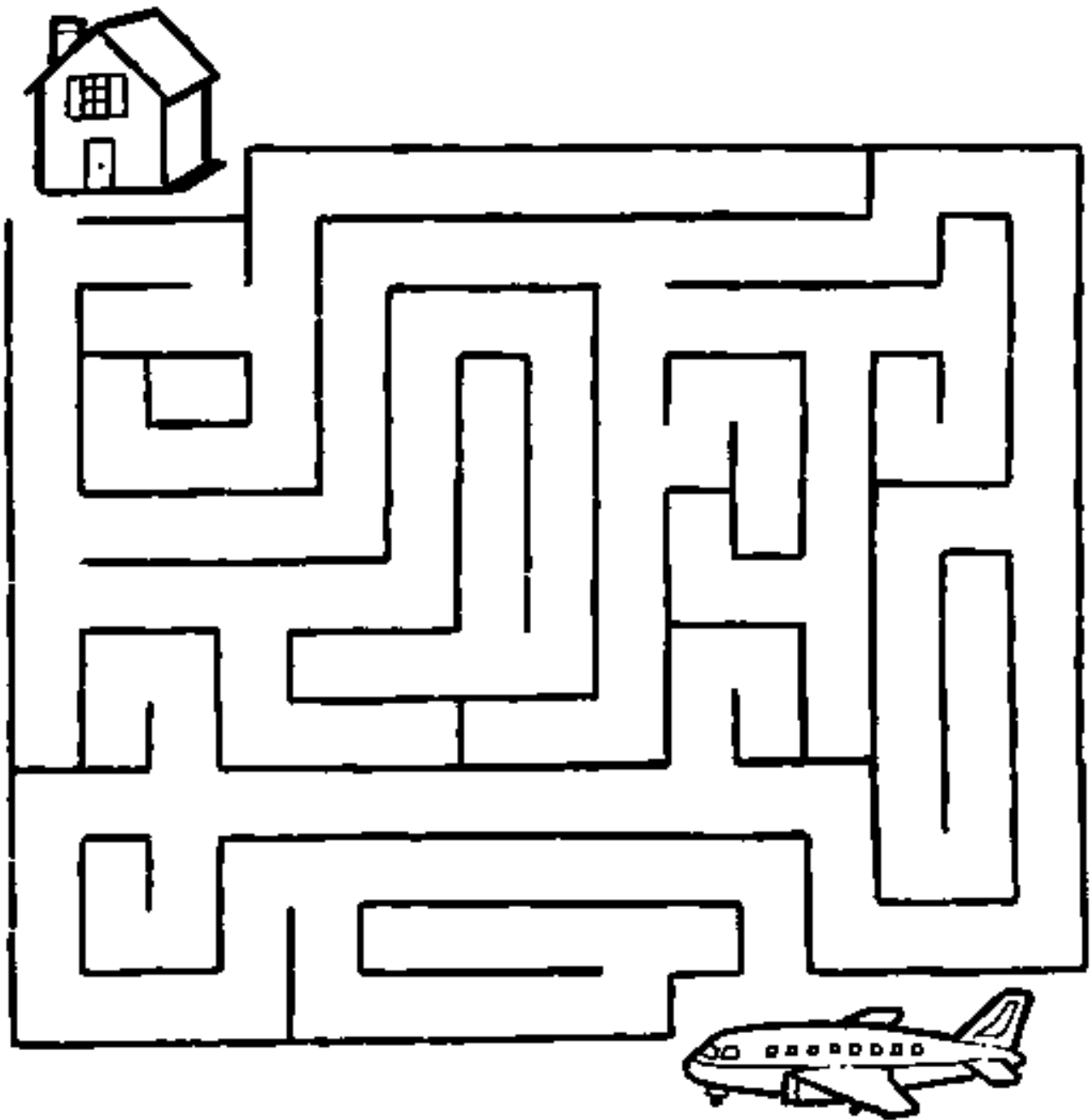
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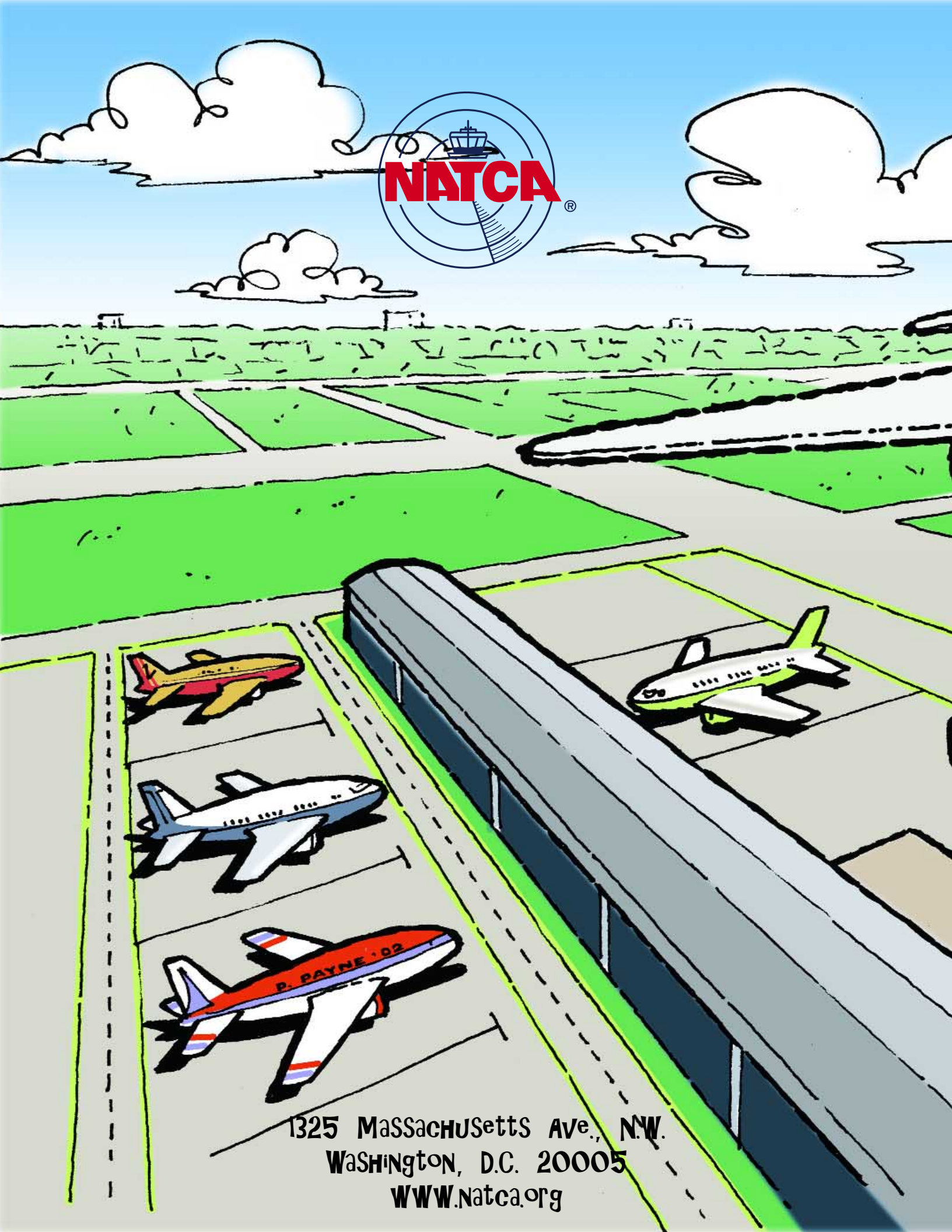
All the things in the boxes are in the picture above. Can you find and color them in?

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Help the air traffic controller guide the airplane passengers through the maze to get home.



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