

# How to fly your kite

Choose your kite for the conditions on the day, different kites fly in different winds –

- If the wind is gentle, fly a kite that is light enough to lift.
- If the wind is strong, fly a kite that won't pull too hard or become too unstable to control.

Make sure your kite is put together properly – check that all knots and fittings are secure – and that the line is attached with a good knot.

Find a clear, open flying area.

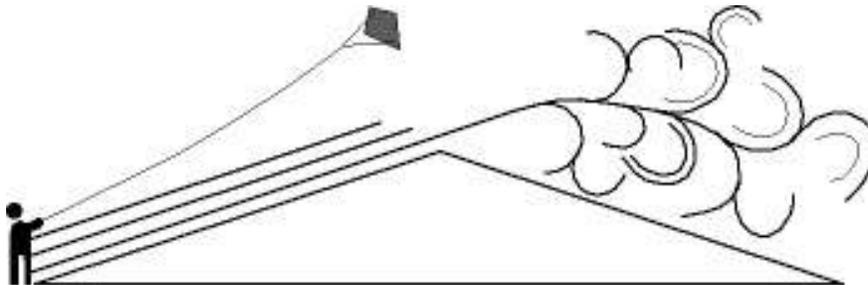
Parks, school fields and beaches are great for flying kites.

Launching on your own:

- Stand with your back to the wind. Hold your kite up by the towing point and let the wind catch the kite sail. Let the line out. Let the kite lift a little, then pull on the line to make the kite climb. Repeat this until the kite gains enough height to find a good steady wind. You will be making a sawing motion with your arm going up and down.
- If there is not much wind, prop the kite up against something like a bush, post, or wall. Reel out a length of line and pull to launch.

Launching with a helper:

- Get your helper to take the kite downwind and hold it up. On a signal, the helper releases the kite and the flier pulls on the line to launch. Use the sawing motion to gain altitude.



## Problem solving:

If the kite sinks tail first, there might not be enough wind.

If it comes down head first, there might be too much wind or you may need to add more tail.

If it spins, check that the fittings and knots are symmetrical and not tangled, or you may need to add more tail.