Helicopters

Helicopters are not the same as other aircraft. They do not have wings. They have big blades that spin. These spinning blades push the helicopter into the air. A helicopter does not need a runway. It can land anywhere.

This is why helicopters are used to do special jobs. Some carry people from place to place. Others go to tricky places and rescue people. They can lift sick people off ships. Then they bring them to hospital. ■

CHECK-UP

1. Are helicopters the same as other aircraft?
2. What do they have instead of wings?
3. Do they need a runway?
4. Why is this a good thing?
5. How are helicopters used to help people?