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n.

1. The operation of aircraft.
2. The design, development, and production of aircraft.
3. Military aircraft.

[French, from Latin *avis*, bird; see **awi-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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