



Fill in the gaps

Christopher Columbus (1960) by Young People's Records

Five hundred years ago

There (1)_____ people on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean

But neither knew about the other

On the Western side, our side

The people had reddish brown skins

And lived in huts, or wigwams

On the Eastern side, in Europe

The people were (2)_____ skinned

They had learned how to build

Houses and large sailing ships

But they still didn't know much

About the rest of the world

In fact, most of them believed the earth was flat

Then one day

A mapmaker named Christopher Columbus

Had an idea

Do you know what?

I think the (3)_____ isn't flat at all

I think it's round, (4)_____ a ball

Did you hear what he said?

Did you hear (5)_____ he said?

He said that the world is round!

He's crazy. He's mad. He's insane!

I think the world isn't flat at all

I (6)_____ it's round, like a ball

The world is flat as the brim of your hat

And that is very plain

I know that I'm right

Oh, I know (7)_____ I'm right



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When I say that the world is round

Oh, I'm right. - You're wrong.- I'm right

My thinking is sound

And I'll prove the world's round

It won't take (8)_____ long!

But it did take long, seven long years

Before Columbus could convince a King or a Queen

To let him try out his idea

Then, Queen Isabella of Spain

Agreed to supply the ships and men for his trip

I will discover a (9)_____ to India

And bring (10)_____ some of the (11)_____ wealth I find there

And I can do it, for I know the world is round

And instead of going east to India

I shall sail west and (12)_____ India around the other way

It will be a (13)_____ and cheaper way

For I'll do it all by sea

Queen Isabella provided Columbus with three ships

The Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria

And on (14)_____ 3rd, 1492

They set sail across the unknown Atlantic

High on the (15)_____ tide

Over the ocean

Onward our ships will ride

Onward my sailors

The (16)_____ sailed onward

But two long months after (17)_____ started

There was still no sign of (18)_____ ahead

Turn back, (19)_____ Turn back, Columbus

We'll not turn back until we find India



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Onward, men!

By October 10th, the sailors and the crew

Were ready to take matters into their own hands

If Columbus won't do as we ask

We'll put him in chains

And we'll (20)_____ the ships around ourselves

Wait! Have you heard?

One of our men has just seen a branch in the ocean

What of it?

It had fresh berries on it

That means we're near land

Hurray!

Two days later, the ships reached land

And Columbus and his crew saw the people

With reddish brown skins, who (21)_____ there

Oh, I think it is rather surprising

That they should have reddish brown skins

But now since we have landed in India

Then these people must be Indians

We'll (22)_____ this part of India, San Salvador

And I take possession of it

In the name of the (23)_____ and Queen of Spain

The people Columbus called Indians

Were very friendly

And they gave Columbus and his men many gifts

But not the rich jewels and gold

For which they had come

For Columbus wasn't really in India, at all

He was on one of the islands

Off the coast of America



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But because of Columbus' mistake

The natives of America

Have been called Indians, ever since

Columbus visited other islands near San Salvador

Looking for the great wealth of India

And then he, and some of his men, returned to Spain

Hurray! Hurray!

Hurray for Admiral Christopher Columbus!

Hurray! Hurray!

Columbus had no trouble

Getting ships and men for his (24)_____ voyage

But he still hadn't the (25)_____ idea

That he was headed for the vast continent of America

And that he would have had to cross it

And sail over the Pacific Ocean

Before he could reach India by travelling west

The men of Europe (26)_____ no longer

Afraid of the ocean

Columbus made two more voyages

And other Explorers followed

But each year, on October 12th

We celebrate Columbus Day

The anniversary of that day in 1492

When Columbus (27)_____ sighted the land

Of the new world, America



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. were
2. white
3. world
4. like
5. what
6. think
7. that
8. very
9. shortcut
10. back
11. great
12. reach
13. shorter
14. August
15. foaming
16. ships
17. they
18. land
19. Columbus
20. turn
21. lived
22. call
23. King
24. second
25. slightest
26. were
27. first