



## Fill in the gaps

### Christopher Columbus (1960) by Young People's Records

Five hundred (1)\_\_\_\_\_ ago

There were 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 white 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ what?

I (3)\_\_\_\_\_ the world isn't flat at all

I think it's round, like a ball

Did you hear what he said?

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He said that the world is round!

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

I think the world isn't (4)\_\_\_\_\_ at all

I think 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 that 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 (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (6)\_\_\_\_\_ long!

But it did take long, seven long years

Before (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 shortcut to India

And bring back some of the great 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 reach India around the other way

It will be a shorter and (8)\_\_\_\_\_ way

For I'll do it all by sea

Queen Isabella provided Columbus with (9)\_\_\_\_\_ ships

The Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria

And on August 3rd, 1492

They set sail across the unknown Atlantic

High on the foaming tide

Over the ocean

Onward our ships will ride

Onward my sailors

The ships sailed onward

But two long (10)\_\_\_\_\_ after they started

There was still no sign of land ahead

Turn back, Columbus Turn back, Columbus

We'll not turn (11)\_\_\_\_\_ until we find India



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Onward, men!

By October 10th, the sailors and the crew

Were ready to take (12)\_\_\_\_\_ into their own hands

If Columbus won't do as we ask

We'll put him in chains

And we'll (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ we're (15)\_\_\_\_\_ land

Hurray!

Two days later, the ships reached land

And Columbus and his crew saw the people

With reddish brown skins, who lived there

Oh, I think it is (16)\_\_\_\_\_ surprising

That they should have reddish brown skins

But now since we have landed in India

Then these people must be Indians

We'll call (17)\_\_\_\_\_ (18)\_\_\_\_\_ of India, San Salvador

And I take possession of it

In the name of the King and Queen of Spain

The people Columbus called Indians

Were (19)\_\_\_\_\_ friendly

And they (20)\_\_\_\_\_ Columbus and his men many gifts

But not the rich (21)\_\_\_\_\_ and gold

For which they had come

For Columbus wasn't (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (23)\_\_\_\_\_ near San Salvador

Looking for the great wealth of India

And then he, and (24)\_\_\_\_\_ of his men, returned to Spain

Hurray! Hurray!

Hurray for Admiral Christopher Columbus!

Hurray! Hurray!

Columbus had no trouble

Getting (25)\_\_\_\_\_ and men for his (26)\_\_\_\_\_ voyage

But he still hadn't the slightest 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 (27)\_\_\_\_\_ reach India by (28)\_\_\_\_\_ west

The men of Europe were no longer

Afraid of the ocean

Columbus made two more voyages

And other (29)\_\_\_\_\_ followed

But each year, on October 12th

We celebrate Columbus Day

The anniversary of that day in 1492

When Columbus first sighted the land

Of the new world, America



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**Answer**

1. years
2. know
3. think
4. flat
5. take
6. very
7. Columbus
8. cheaper
9. three
10. months
11. back
12. matters
13. turn
14. means
15. near
16. rather
17. this
18. part
19. very
20. gave
21. jewels
22. really
23. islands
24. some
25. ships
26. second
27. could
28. travelling
29. Explorers