



Fill in the gaps

Christopher Columbus (1960) by Young People's Records

Five hundred years 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 (1)_____ 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 (2)_____ was flat

Then one day

A (3)_____ named (4)_____ Columbus

Had an idea

Do you (5)_____ what?

I think the world isn't flat at all

I (6)_____ it's round, (7)_____ a ball

Did you hear what he said?

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He (8)_____ that the world is round!

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

I think the world isn't flat 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 take very 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 shortcut to India

And bring back some of the great wealth I find there

And I can do it, for I (9)_____ the world is round

And (10)_____ of going east to India

I shall sail west and reach India around the other way

It will be a shorter 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 August 3rd, 1492

They set sail across the unknown Atlantic

High on the foaming tide

Over the ocean

Onward our (11)_____ will ride

Onward my sailors

The ships (12)_____ onward

But two long months after they started

There was still no sign of land ahead

Turn back, Columbus Turn back, Columbus

We'll not turn back until we find India



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Onward, men!

By October 10th, the (13)_____ and the crew

Were ready to take matters into their own hands

If (14)_____ won't do as we ask

We'll put him in chains

And we'll turn the ships (15)_____ ourselves

Wait! Have you heard?

One of our men has just (16)_____ 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 (17)_____ land

And Columbus and his crew saw the people

With reddish (18)_____ skins, who lived there

Oh, I think it is rather surprising

That they (19)_____ have reddish brown skins

But now since we have landed in India

Then these (20)_____ must be Indians

We'll (21)_____ this part of India, San Salvador

And I take possession of it

In the name of the King and Queen of Spain

The (22)_____ Columbus called Indians

Were very friendly

And they gave Columbus and his men (23)_____ 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 (24)_____ 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 (25)_____ 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 (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 could reach India by travelling west

The men of Europe were 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 (27)_____ (28)_____ sighted the land

Of the new world, America



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. white
2. earth
3. mapmaker
4. Christopher
5. know
6. think
7. like
8. said
9. know
10. instead
11. ships
12. sailed
13. sailors
14. Columbus
15. around
16. seen
17. reached
18. brown
19. should
20. people
21. call
22. people
23. many
24. coast
25. then
26. second
27. Columbus
28. first