



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 (1)_____ 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 (2)_____ sailing ships

But they still didn't know much

About the (3)_____ of the world

In fact, most of them believed the (4)_____ was flat

Then one day

A mapmaker named Christopher Columbus

Had an idea

Do you know what?

I think the world isn't flat at all

I think it's round, like a ball

Did you hear (5)_____ he said?

Did you hear what he said?

He said that the world is round!

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

I think the (6)_____ isn't flat at all

I think it's round, like a ball

The (7)_____ 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 (8)_____ a King or a Queen

To let him try out his idea

Then, (9)_____ Isabella of Spain

Agreed to supply the ships and men for his trip

I will discover a shortcut to India

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

And I can do it, for I know the (12)_____ is round

And instead of going east to India

I shall sail (13)_____ 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 (14)_____ Maria

And on August 3rd, 1492

They set sail across the (15)_____ Atlantic

High on the foaming tide

Over the ocean

Onward our (16)_____ will ride

Onward my sailors

The ships sailed onward

But two long months after they started

There was (17)_____ no sign of (18)_____ ahead

Turn back, Columbus (19)_____ 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 turn the ships around ourselves

Wait! (20)_____ 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 (21)_____ skins, who lived there

Oh, I think it is (22)_____ surprising

That they should have reddish brown skins

But now since we have landed in India

Then these (23)_____ must be Indians

We'll call this part 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 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, (24)_____ since

Columbus visited other islands near San Salvador

Looking for the great wealth of India

And then he, and some of his men, (25)_____ to Spain

Hurray! Hurray!

Hurray for Admiral Christopher Columbus!

Hurray! Hurray!

Columbus had no trouble

Getting ships and men for his second voyage

But he still hadn't the slightest idea

That he was headed for the (26)_____ continent of America

And that he would have had to cross it

And (27)_____ 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 (28)_____ voyages

And other Explorers 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. Western
2. large
3. rest
4. earth
5. what
6. world
7. world
8. convince
9. Queen
10. back
11. find
12. world
13. west
14. Santa
15. unknown
16. ships
17. still
18. land
19. Turn
20. Have
21. brown
22. rather
23. people
24. ever
25. returned
26. vast
27. sail
28. more