



**Fill in the gaps**

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

Five hundred years ago

There were (1)\_\_\_\_\_ on (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ was flat

Then one day

A mapmaker (5)\_\_\_\_\_ Christopher Columbus

Had an idea

Do you know what?

I (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ long!

But it did take long, (9)\_\_\_\_\_ long years

Before (10)\_\_\_\_\_ could convince a King or a Queen

To let him try out his idea

Then, (11)\_\_\_\_\_ Isabella of Spain

Agreed to supply the ships and men for his trip

I will discover a shortcut to India

And bring (12)\_\_\_\_\_ some of the (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ tide

Over the ocean

Onward our ships (16)\_\_\_\_\_ ride

Onward my sailors

The ships (17)\_\_\_\_\_ onward

But two (18)\_\_\_\_\_ months after they started

There was still no sign of land ahead

Turn back, Columbus Turn back, Columbus

We'll not (19)\_\_\_\_\_ back until we find India



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Onward, men!

By October 10th, the sailors and the crew

Were ready to take (20)\_\_\_\_\_ into their own hands

If (21)\_\_\_\_\_ won't do as we ask

We'll put him in chains

And we'll turn 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 lived 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 call this (22)\_\_\_\_\_ of India, San Salvador

And I take possession of it

In the name of the King and Queen of Spain

The people (23)\_\_\_\_\_ called Indians

Were (24)\_\_\_\_\_ friendly

And they gave Columbus and his men many gifts

But not the rich jewels and gold

For which (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (26)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 vast continent of America

And (27)\_\_\_\_\_ he would have had to cross it

And sail over the (28)\_\_\_\_\_ Ocean

Before he could (29)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 Columbus first (30)\_\_\_\_\_ the land

Of the new world, America



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### Answer

1. people
2. both
3. Eastern
4. earth
5. named
6. think
7. think
8. very
9. seven
10. Columbus
11. Queen
12. back
13. great
14. other
15. foaming
16. will
17. sailed
18. long
19. turn
20. matters
21. Columbus
22. part
23. Columbus
24. very
25. they
26. Christopher
27. that
28. Pacific
29. reach
30. sighted