**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 (1)_____ the other

On the Western side, our side

The people had reddish brown skins

And lived in huts, or wigwams

On the (2)_____ side, in Europe

The people (3)_____ white skinned

They had learned how to build

Houses and (4)_____ sailing ships

But they (5)_____ 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 world isn't flat at all

I think it's round, like a ball

Did you hear what he said?

Did you hear (6)_____ 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 think it's round, like a ball

The world is flat as the (7)_____ of your hat

And (8)_____ is very plain

I know that I'm right

Oh, I know (9)_____ 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 (10)_____ 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 (11)_____ 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 (12)_____ a shortcut to India

And bring (13)_____ some of the great wealth I find there

And I can do it, for I know the (14)_____ is round

And instead of going (15)_____ 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 ships will ride

Onward my sailors

The ships sailed 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 (16)_____ until we (17)_____ India

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Onward, men!

By (18)_____ 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! Have you heard?

One of our men has just (19)_____ 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 (20)_____ should have reddish brown skins

But now since we have (21)_____ in India

Then these people 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 (22)_____ 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 (23)_____ and men for his (24)_____ 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 (25)_____ Ocean

Before he could reach India by (26)_____ west

The men of Europe were no longer

Afraid of the ocean

Columbus made two more voyages

And other Explorers followed

But (27)_____ 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

# Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. about
2. Eastern
3. were
4. large
5. still
6. what
7. brim
8. that
9. that
10. thinking
11. convince
12. discover
13. back
14. world
15. east
16. back
17. find
18. October
19. seen
20. they
21. landed
22. Columbus
23. ships
24. second
25. Pacific
26. travelling
27. each