



## 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ sailing ships

But they still didn't (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ what he said?

He said that the world is round!

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

I think the world isn't (7)\_\_\_\_\_ at all

I (8)\_\_\_\_\_ it's round, (9)\_\_\_\_\_ a ball

The world is flat as the (10)\_\_\_\_\_ of your hat

And that is very plain

I (11)\_\_\_\_\_ that I'm right

Oh, I know that I'm right



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When I say that the (12)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 know the world is round

And instead of going (13)\_\_\_\_\_ to India

I shall (14)\_\_\_\_\_ west and reach India around the other way

It will be a shorter and (15)\_\_\_\_\_ way

For I'll do it all by sea

Queen (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (17)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 seen a branch in the ocean

What of it?

It had (19)\_\_\_\_\_ berries on it

That means we're near land

Hurray!

Two days later, the ships (20)\_\_\_\_\_ land

And Columbus and his crew saw the people

With reddish brown skins, who (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 part of India, San Salvador

And I (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (25)\_\_\_\_\_ of his men, returned to Spain

Hurray! Hurray!

Hurray for (26)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 vast continent of America

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

And sail over the Pacific Ocean

Before he could reach India by travelling west

The men of Europe (28)\_\_\_\_\_ no longer

Afraid of the ocean

Columbus made two more voyages

And (29)\_\_\_\_\_ Explorers followed

But (30)\_\_\_\_\_ 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. people
2. both
3. about
4. large
5. know
6. hear
7. flat
8. think
9. like
10. brim
11. know
12. world
13. east
14. sail
15. cheaper
16. Isabella
17. Turn
18. ready
19. fresh
20. reached
21. lived
22. take
23. really
24. natives
25. some
26. Admiral
27. have
28. were
29. other
30. each