



## 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ about the other

On the (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 large sailing ships

But they (3)\_\_\_\_\_ didn't know much

About the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ of the world

In fact, most of (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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?

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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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ it's round, like a ball

The world is (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, (9)\_\_\_\_\_ Isabella of Spain

Agreed to supply the ships and men for his trip

I (10)\_\_\_\_\_ discover a (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ provided Columbus with three ships

The Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa María

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 (13)\_\_\_\_\_ onward

But two long months after (14)\_\_\_\_\_ started

There was still no sign of land ahead

Turn back, Columbus (15)\_\_\_\_\_ back, Columbus

We'll not (16)\_\_\_\_\_ (17)\_\_\_\_\_ until we find India



Onward, men!

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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! 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 (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 take (20)\_\_\_\_\_ of it

In the (21)\_\_\_\_\_ of the (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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



But because of Columbus' mistake

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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 (23) \_\_\_\_\_ Columbus!

Hurray! Hurray!

Columbus had no trouble

Getting ships and men for his (24) \_\_\_\_\_ voyage

But he still hadn't the slightest idea

That he was (25) \_\_\_\_\_ for the vast continent of America

And that he would have had to cross it

And sail over the Pacific Ocean

Before he could (26) \_\_\_\_\_ India by travelling west

The men of Europe were no longer

Afraid of the ocean

Columbus made two more voyages

And other (27) \_\_\_\_\_ 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



Answer

1. knew
2. Western
3. still
4. rest
5. them
6. think
7. flat
8. thinking
9. Queen
10. will
11. shortcut
12. Isabella
13. sailed
14. they
15. Turn
16. turn
17. back
18. Columbus
19. brown
20. possession
21. name
22. King
23. Christopher
24. second
25. headed
26. reach
27. Explorers

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