



## 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 Western side, our side

The people had reddish brown skins

And (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ still didn't know much

About the rest of the world

In fact, most of them (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ what he said?

He (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, (6)\_\_\_\_\_ a ball

The world is (7)\_\_\_\_\_ as the brim of your hat

And that is very plain

I (8)\_\_\_\_\_ that I'm right

Oh, I know that I'm right



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When I say (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 east to India

I shall sail west and reach India around the (10)\_\_\_\_\_ way

It will be a shorter and cheaper way

For I'll do it all by sea

Queen Isabella (11)\_\_\_\_\_ Columbus with three ships

The Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria

And on August 3rd, 1492

They set (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ started

There was still no sign of land ahead

Turn back, Columbus (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves

Wait! Have you heard?

One of our men has just (17)\_\_\_\_\_ a branch in the ocean

What of it?

It had fresh (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ skins, who lived there

Oh, I think it is rather surprising

That they should have reddish brown skins

But now since we have (20)\_\_\_\_\_ in India

Then these people must be Indians

We'll call this (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (23)\_\_\_\_\_ Indians, (24)\_\_\_\_\_ since

Columbus (25)\_\_\_\_\_ other islands near San Salvador

Looking for the great wealth of India

And then he, and (26)\_\_\_\_\_ of his men, returned 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 vast (27)\_\_\_\_\_ of America

And that he would have had to cross it

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

Before he could reach 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 sighted the land

Of the new world, America



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### Answer

1. lived
2. they
3. believed
4. hear
5. said
6. like
7. flat
8. know
9. that
10. other
11. provided
12. sail
13. across
14. they
15. Turn
16. around
17. seen
18. berries
19. brown
20. landed
21. part
22. which
23. called
24. ever
25. visited
26. some
27. continent
28. Pacific