



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 Eastern side, in Europe

The people (2)\_\_\_\_\_ white skinned

They had learned how to build

Houses and large (3)\_\_\_\_\_ ships

But they still 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ long!

But it did take long, seven long years

Before (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ wealth I find there

And I can do it, for I know the world is round

And instead of (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 Isabella 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 sailed onward

But two (10)\_\_\_\_\_ months after they started

There was still no sign of land ahead

Turn back, (11)\_\_\_\_\_ (12)\_\_\_\_\_ back, Columbus

We'll not turn back until we (13)\_\_\_\_\_ India



Onward, men!

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By October 10th, the sailors and the crew

Were ready to take matters into (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 part of India, San Salvador

And I (16)\_\_\_\_\_ possession of it

In the name of the King and Queen of Spain

The people (17)\_\_\_\_\_ called Indians

Were (18)\_\_\_\_\_ friendly

And they gave Columbus and his men many gifts

But not the rich (19)\_\_\_\_\_ and gold

For (20)\_\_\_\_\_ they had come

For Columbus wasn't really in India, at all

He was on one of the islands

Off the (21)\_\_\_\_\_ of America



But because of Columbus' mistake

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The (22)\_\_\_\_\_ of America

Have been called Indians, ever since

Columbus visited other islands near San Salvador

Looking for the great (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 ships and men for his second voyage

But he (24)\_\_\_\_\_ hadn't the slightest idea

That he was headed for the vast continent of America

And that he would (25)\_\_\_\_\_ had to cross it

And sail over the (26)\_\_\_\_\_ Ocean

Before he (27)\_\_\_\_\_ reach India by travelling west

The men of Europe (28)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (29)\_\_\_\_\_ first sighted the land

Of the new world, America



Answer

Fill in the gaps

1. about
2. were
3. sailing
4. Christopher
5. that
6. very
7. Columbus
8. great
9. going
10. long
11. Columbus
12. Turn
13. find
14. their
15. near
16. take
17. Columbus
18. very
19. jewels
20. which
21. coast
22. natives
23. wealth
24. still
25. have
26. Pacific
27. could
28. were
29. Columbus