



## 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ knew about 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ were white skinned

They had learned how to build

Houses and large sailing ships

But they still didn't know much

About the rest of the world

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

Did you hear what he said?

He said that the world is round!

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

I think the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ isn't flat at all

I think it's round, like a ball

The world is (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 Isabella (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 back until we find India



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Onward, men!

By October 10th, the sailors and the crew

Were ready to take (11)\_\_\_\_\_ into their own hands

If Columbus won't do as we ask

We'll put him in chains

And we'll turn the (12)\_\_\_\_\_ around ourselves

Wait! Have you heard?

One of our men has just seen a branch in the ocean

What of it?

It had (13)\_\_\_\_\_ berries on it

That means we're near land

Hurray!

Two (14)\_\_\_\_\_ later, the ships reached land

And Columbus and his crew saw the people

With reddish (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ be Indians

We'll call this part of India, San Salvador

And I take (17)\_\_\_\_\_ of it

In the name of the King and Queen of Spain

The (18)\_\_\_\_\_ (19)\_\_\_\_\_ called Indians

Were very friendly

And they gave (20)\_\_\_\_\_ and his men (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 ships and men for his second voyage

But he still hadn't the slightest idea

That he was (24)\_\_\_\_\_ for the vast continent of America

And that he would have had to cross it

And sail over the Pacific Ocean

Before he could (25)\_\_\_\_\_ (26)\_\_\_\_\_ by travelling west

The men of Europe (27)\_\_\_\_\_ no longer

Afraid of the ocean

Columbus made two (28)\_\_\_\_\_ voyages

And other (29)\_\_\_\_\_ 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



**Fill in the gaps**

**Answer**

1. neither
2. people
3. them
4. what
5. world
6. flat
7. world
8. take
9. bring
10. provided
11. matters
12. ships
13. fresh
14. days
15. brown
16. must
17. possession
18. people
19. Columbus
20. Columbus
21. many
22. coast
23. great
24. headed
25. reach
26. India
27. were
28. more
29. Explorers