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## First Voyage Fill-In

**Directions:** Read the passage about Christopher Columbus's first voyage. Fill in each blank with the correct word from the word bank. Use context clues to help you choose the right answer.



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| Spain    | Nina        |
| Pinta    | gold        |
| Atlantic | Santa Maria |
| 1492     | crew        |
| Indies   | America     |

In the year (1) \_\_\_\_\_, a sailor named Christopher Columbus set sail from (2) \_\_\_\_\_. He believed he could reach the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ by sailing west across the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean. Columbus led three ships: the (5) \_\_\_\_\_, the (6) \_\_\_\_\_, and the (7) \_\_\_\_\_.

The journey was long and difficult, and many of the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ became worried when no land appeared. But after many weeks, they finally spotted land! Columbus thought he had reached Asia, but he had really found islands near (9) \_\_\_\_\_. His voyage opened the way for future explorers searching for (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and new lands.