Columbus's Journey

EXERCISE 1. Copy these words in your notebook.
Use a dictionary to write their meaning.

changed course	ran out of
come true	reach
destination	reached
discovered	scared (adj.)
dream (n.)	set off
ended up	veered
making progress	voyage

EXERCISE 2. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the words and phrases from exercise 1.

Cristopher Columbus ..... from Palos de la Frontera in Southern Spain on the 3rd of August, 1492. He wanted to ..... India from the East, but this ..... did not ..... . Instead, he ..... a route to a new continent: America.

However, it was not an easy ..... . The sailors on his three small ships soon ..... courage: they were ..... of falling off the edge of the ocean! Only Columbus' powers of persuasion convinced them to keep ..... towards the west.

When they ..... their ..... , Columbus ..... course: he ..... to the southwest to continue exploring the Bahamas islands, so instead of landing in what is now Florida, they ..... on the island of Cuba. It was the 12th of October, 1492.

EXERCISE 3. Choose the correct option for each sentence, according to the information in the text:

a) Columbus was Spanish.

true false the text does not say

b) Columbus travelled to the East to reach India.

true false the text does not say

c) The first trip to America was hard.

true false the text does not say

d) The Bahamas islands are near Florida.

true false the text does not say

e) Columbus' trip lasted for more than a month.

true false the text does not say

f) The sailors were afraid because they thought that they were going to die.

true false the text does not say

EXERCISE 4. Copy each word or phrase from the red list next to its meaning:

change course	.....	advance, travel forward
come true	.....	afraid, frigthened
destination	.....	ambition, desire
discover	.....	arrive at/on/in
dream	.....	become a reality
end up	.....	change direction (1 word)
make progress	.....	change direction (2 words)
run out of	.....	find
reach	.....	finish a trip, a story…
scared	.....	have nothing left
set off	.....	start a journey
veer	.....	the place you are travelling to
voyage	.....	trip or journey across the sea