

### The Man in the Air with the Chair



There are some very strange stories on the Web. Many of them are not true, but a few are. One strange, [1]\_\_\_\_\_ true story is about Larry Walters. On July 2, 1982, Larry Walters had an idea. He wanted to fly, but he didn't have a plane. He bought 45 weather balloons and some tanks of helium gas. He filled the balloons [2]\_\_\_\_\_ the gas and tied them to a comfortable chair. He made himself some sandwiches and took some juice to drink. He [3]\_\_\_\_\_ took a gun with him, so he could shoot the balloons in order to land. His plan was to [4]\_\_\_\_\_ fly up to a height of about 10 meters, have lunch, and then land in his back garden. Unfortunately, his plan went wrong. His chair [5]\_\_\_\_\_ stop rising at 10 meters. It rose to 4,000 meters. He became [6]\_\_\_\_\_ afraid to shoot the balloons with his gun. He floated in the air towards Los Angeles airport. A pilot of an aeroplane saw [7]\_\_\_\_\_ and reported the situation to air traffic control. The controllers checked the radar. There [8]\_\_\_\_\_ was something flying up there! They sent a helicopter. By this time, the wind had moved Larry and his flying chair. He was now flying over the sea. He was very cold and [9]\_\_\_\_\_ frightened. Luckily for him, the rescue helicopter saved him. [10]\_\_\_\_\_ they got back to the airport, the police arrested Larry for flying over the airport [11]\_\_\_\_\_ a license. Larry didn't mind. He was just happy to be back on the [12]\_\_\_\_\_.

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| [1] a. but    | b. and    | c. it    |
| [2] a. from   | b. with   | c. in    |
| [3] a. was    | b. had    | c. also  |
| [4] a. much   | b. slowly | c. him   |
| [5] a. wasn't | b. didn't | c. not   |
| [6] a. very   | b. much   | c. too   |
| [7] a. him    | b. his    | c. their |

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| [8] a. really   | b. may     | c. almost |
| [9] a. he       | b. is      | c. very   |
| [10] a. Before  | b. So      | c. When   |
| [11] a. not     | b. without | c. no     |
| [12] a. airport | b. ground  | c. home   |