



Reading 1: Unit 3: Hot Air Balloons (textbook)

It's always exciting to see a colorful hot air balloon in the sky – but here there are hundreds! In October of every year, balloonist gather at the International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, US. About 600 balloons are up in the sky at the same time!

How does a hot air balloon fly? When the balloon is on the ground, people light gas to make a small fire. The fire heats the air in the balloon. Because hot air always rises, the balloon begins to go up into the air. The pilot of the balloon stands in the basket and lights the gas to go higher. The wind then blows the balloon along.

Usually, there's a group of people on the ground called the "chase team". They follow the balloon in a truck. The chase team uses a radio to talk to the pilot. The pilot looks for a safe place to land the balloon and tells the chase team where to go. Then the chase team takes the balloon and the pilot back home.

2.- Read. Check T for true and F for False.

1) There is an International Balloon Fiesta every year. T - F

2) Hot air usually goes down. T - F

3) Balloons are always round. T - F

4) The pilot stands in the basket. T - F

5) The chase team uses a radio to talk to the pilot. T - F

3.- Read. Write the sentences in order.

The wind blows the balloon along.

People light a fire to heat the air
in the balloon.

The pilot lands the balloon safely.

The balloon goes up into the air.

The pilot talks to the chase team.

