

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 |