

English

Task One - Firstly have a look at the photo and discuss the questions below. Have a go at answering them, try using conjunctions to explain your answers.



Question time

How many balloons do you think are taking part in the race?

What do the crews have to do to win the race?

What does the winner receive?

What obstacles might they encounter along the way?

How many of the crews will make it around the world?

How do you think the crews would prepare for such a journey?

What are the most dangerous things that they might encounter?

Task Two - Read the story starter below

After all the months of preparation and building excitement the big day had finally arrived. In unison, the balloons all took off into the air, leaving the cheering crowd far below, gasping at the magnificent spectacle.

A difficult journey lay ahead, and surely not all the balloons would make it, but they had to try – the prize of £1,000,000 for the first crew to make it around the world was a great incentive...

Look at an atlas and plan your route around the world – where would you like to go and who with? Which cities/jungles/rainforests would you visit. Plan what you will take with you. You could draw or write your items.

Task Three - Write a story that leads on from the story starter above. Here are some questions that might prompt you in your story.

- Where do you travel in the world? Which is your favourite place and why? Try to think about the variety of landscapes that you might see – rainforests, deserts, grasslands. There will be towns, villages and cities.
- Describe any wildlife you might see.
- You might meet people when you stop to refuel - who they? What are they like?
- Do you win the prize and get back first? If so, what will you spend the money on?

Remember to use interesting adjectives to describe what you see, where you go, how you feel and that stories have a beginning, middle and end so don't forget your paragraphs too.