

**Class objective: I will be able to understand the passage and answer the questions**

**Concept A: Read the story and answer the questions:**

### **An unforgettable experience**

Rising before the alarm clock (set at an unfriendly 5.00 am) was activated, we washed and dressed, listening in silent anticipation to the awakening forest. Our torch beams probed the darkness as we walked from our tent to the balloon launch site. Extreme caution was required on the short journey because the path we were following was often used by hippos returning from a night's foraging and the odd Cape Buffalo out for a nocturnal stroll.

Finally we emerged into a huge, mist shrouded clearing and there before us lay three gigantic balloons. Dawn brushed the treetops with the first light of day and our sense of expectation and excitement climbed with the morning sun.

Suddenly the clatter of petrol engines obliterated the early hush. The engines were necessary to power the huge fans used to force large amounts of air into the balloon's envelopes. This was just the first stage in the balloon-inflation process and while the fans were running, the ground crew and pilots meticulously checked all the lines and rigging – a reassuring sight for us prospective passengers!

After about 10 minutes of inflation, the balloons began to take shape. The welcome silence following the fans being shut down was suddenly filled by a whoosh of gas. Then came a glorious burst of flame as the gas was ignited.

Adrenaline shot through my body. I had chosen to position myself inside one of the balloons' envelopes in order to capture on film the dramatic colours of the burner's incoming flame.

After a few quick shots, I indicated to the pilot my desire not to be barbecued and made a quick exit. By this time, the balloon was approaching its classical vertical position.

At last! The moment we'd all been waiting for! The pilot instructed the excited passengers – congregated here from every corner of the globe – to climb into the balloon's wicker basket.

Part of a group of ten passengers, we listened intently to our pilot's briefing. There were no seat belt and no-smoking signs to observe, and the operation of mobile

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