



Answer the questions about the story and the picture 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 of 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...

## 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?