

Balloons

播出時間：2020 / 12 / 23

星期三 中午 12：00

英文小達人：802 陳正揚

編輯老師：陳思恩老師

各位老師，各位同學，大家午安，我是 802 陳正揚，我是今天的英文小達人，今天，我要為大家播報的內容，是：Balloons

Men have made many attempts to fly, usually using bird-like wings made of different materials. All such attempts failed until the Montgolfier brothers in France built a hot air balloon in 1783.

A hot air balloon is a big with a hole in the bottom. Beneath this hole, there is a basket which contains a heater and carries the pilot and passengers. The heater warms the air in the balloon above it. The hot air causes the bag to rise. The balloon then moves through the air, driven by the wind or sometimes by a motor that turns a propeller.

In some countries, hot air ballooning is a popular sport. People make the bags in many different shapes and sizes, some even shaped like favorite cartoon characters.

At one time it was thought possible that traveling by balloon would be as popular as by airplane. Such balloons were not hot air balloons, however, they were bags filled with a gas lighter than air. The most famous of these balloons was the Hindenburg. Its bag was

filled with hydrogen. Unfortunately, in 1937, it caught fire and crashed as it was coming in to land in America. Many people were killed. This was the end of air travel by balloon.

Thanks for your listening. See you next time!