

Facts About Hot Air Balloons

- 1. Hot air balloons were discovered in France in 1783.**
- 2. Joseph and Etienne Montgolfier discovered that a fabric bag filled with hot air would rise.**
- 3. First, they sent up balloons with no passengers.**
- 4. Then, they sent up a balloon with a sheep, rooster, and duck in it.**
- 5. Finally, they sent up a balloon with two men in it. It traveled over Paris for 5.5 miles. It stayed up 23 minutes.**
- 6. This was the first time man tried to fly.**
- 7. Balloons have been important in science. They have helped us study the weather and the atmosphere.**
- 8. A balloon has a basket for passengers.**
- 9. It has flying wires to attach the basket to the balloon.**
- 10. The skirt helps direct the hot air into the balloon.**
- 11. Each long section of the balloon is called the gore.**
- 12. Smaller pieces of the gore are called panels.**
- 13. There is a parachute at the top of the balloon.**