

Antoni Gaudí

Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Antoni Gaudí designed a strange building with a roof that looks like the back of a dragon.
 - b. At first many people disliked Antoni Gaudí's style, but over time more people came to appreciate it.
 - c. Antoni Gaudí was an architect who found inspiration for his designs in his love of nature.

2. Which of Gaudí's designs looks like a lizard?
 - a. the fountain
 - b. the winding bench
 - c. the stone columns

3. What does the word **structures** mean in this story?
 - a. things that have been made
 - b. things found in nature
 - c. things that are not predictable

4. What forms from nature helped make Gaudí's designs unpredictable?
 - a. straight lines
 - b. sharp corners
 - c. curved shapes

5. How was Gaudí's style different than what people were used to seeing?

6. A synonym is a word that has the same meaning as another word. Match each word with its synonym.

1. forms	a. ___ pillars
2. resembles	b. ___ shapes
3. winding	c. ___ value
4. columns	d. ___ curved
5. appreciate	e. ___ matches

7. Fill in each blank with a bold-faced word from the story.
 Antoni Gaudí was an _____ from Barcelona. Nature was an _____ for many of his works. He made winding, sloping, and _____ designs, like the ones he saw in nature. He used colors, forms, and _____ that reminded him of the outdoors. Many people were not able to _____ his style right away.

Number Correct: _____

Summarize the Story

Number of Words Written: _____

The Hindenburg

precautions

Precautions are actions taken ahead of time to guard against dangers or mistakes.

hydrogen

Hydrogen is a gas that has no color or smell and burns easily.

flammable

Flammable means that something burns easily.

rigid airship

A rigid airship is a vehicle that travels in the air. It floats by means of balloons or gasbags. The ship is rigid, or unbendable, because it has a frame.

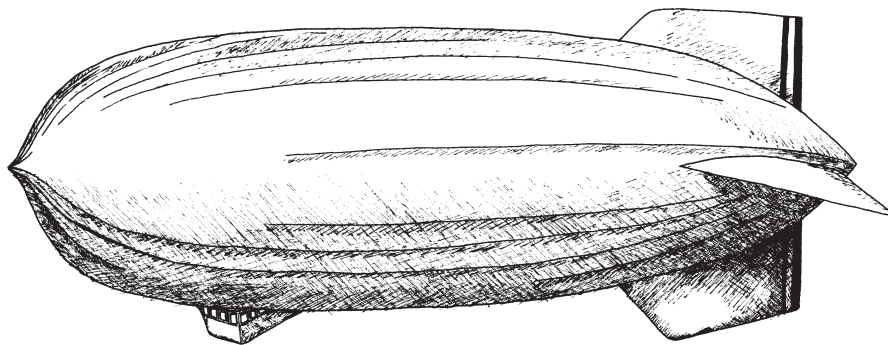
8 Can you imagine an **aircraft** the size of
11 three football fields? The German-built
14 Hindenburg was a **rigid airship** that was almost
17 that long. Its **massive frame**, made of mostly
20 **aluminum** and **copper**, measured over 803 feet
23 long and 135 feet in **diameter**. Sixteen
26 **gasbags** held the more than seven million **cubic**
29 **feet of flammable hydrogen** gas needed to lift
32 the ship into the air.

35 The **designer** wanted to fill the Hindenburg
38 with **helium**, not hydrogen. Helium is much
41 safer because it is not flammable. At the time,
44 only the United States made helium. But due
47 to **political** problems, the Germans could not
50 buy helium from the United States. So
53 hydrogen filled the Hindenburg's gasbags
56 instead.

59 The Germans knew using hydrogen could
62 cause the Hindenburg to come to a **fiery** end.
65 So they took care to prevent such a **disaster**. A
68 special **gel lined** the gasbags to reduce the **risk**
71 of leaks. And the crew checked the gasbags
74 often for leaks. The crew even wore spark-
77 **resistant** boots when walking in the padded

173 **catwalks**. Even the passengers had to follow a
181 number of rules in order to make the
189 Hindenburg safe. They had to give up their
197 lighters and matches and smoke only in a
205 fireproof smoking room. A lighter in the
212 middle of the smoking room **provided**
218 passengers with the only way to light their
226 cigarettes. All of these **precautions**, however,
232 could not save the Hindenburg.

237 On May 3, 1937, the Hindenburg left
244 Germany on its way to America. While **on**
252 **board**, the passengers traveled **in style**. They
259 ate in a fancy dining room and looked out over
269 the ocean from the **observation deck**. Just
276 after 7:00 p.m. on May 6, it was finally time to
287 land. Suddenly, while hundreds of people
293 watched, the Hindenburg burst into flames,
299 killing about 35 of the near 100 people on
308 board and one person on the ground. In less
317 than a minute, the Hindenburg burned
323 completely. After the Hindenburg disaster,
328 travel by rigid airship came to an end.
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