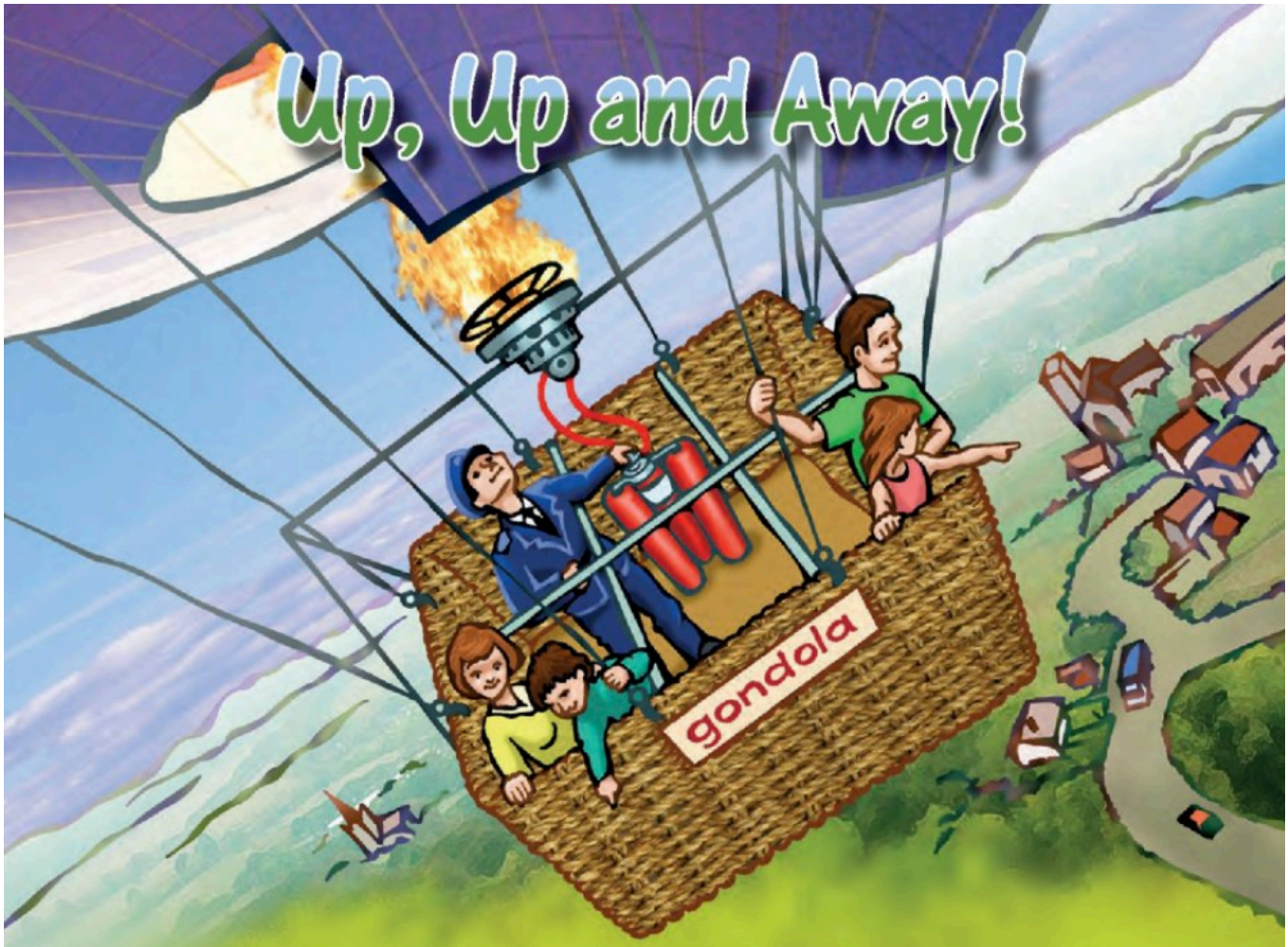
Up, Up and Away!



We won tickets for a balloon ride in a raffle. Last Saturday, we went up in it. The balloon was huge! The balloon man used a gas burner. It filled the balloon with hot air. This is what made it fly.

We all got into the **gondola** (basket) beneath the balloon. Then we started to rise. Wow! Up we went. Soon we could see all around us. The ground was far below. We stayed up for an hour. It was amazing. ■

CHECK-UP

1. When did the family go up in the balloon?
2. How did they get the tickets?
3. What made the balloon fly?
4. What did the balloon man use to make the hot air?
5. What part of the hot air balloon did the family get into?