

Activity 18: Lighter Than Air

Question

How can hot air balloons float on air?

Resources

Access the website link from the online course.

Hot Air Balloon Game (website)

Instructions

- 1 Start by clicking on **Parts** to learn about the parts of your hot air balloon.
- 2 Complete the information in the Training section of your Hot Air Balloon Flight Log.
- 3 Click **Lifting**, and in your **Flight Log**, explain how lifting and falling occurs.
- 4 Click **Direction**, and in your **Flight Log**, explain how balloons change direction.
- 5 Now you are ready to fly! Click **Fly the balloon**, and read the instructions under **How to Play**.
- 6 When you understand what to do, click Play.
- 7 Record the results of your flight in your **Flight Log**. Try at least three flights.

Observations		
Hot Air Balloon Flight Log		
Training		
Briefly describe the following part	s:	
- parachute valve		
- envelope		
- burners		
bumors		
- basket		
What causes the balloon to lift?		
What causes the balloon to fall?		
How does a balloon change direction?		

Flight Log			
Flight#	Flight Outcome	Suggestions for future flights? (such as	
	(What happened? Did you land on the target, on the trees, etc.?)	less head, don't fly so high, etc.)	
1			
2			
3			