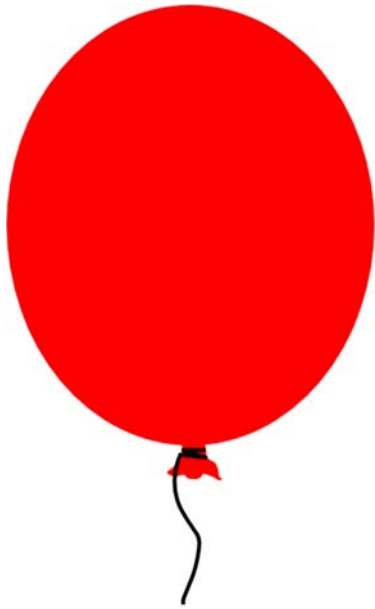


Name _____



The Great Balloon Adventure

Tommy and Sally were best friends who loved to go on adventures. One bright morning, they found a big red balloon tied to a tree in their backyard. The balloon was huge, and it had a basket attached to it.

"Let's take a ride!" said Tommy with excitement. Sally agreed, and they climbed into the basket. As soon as they did, the balloon started to rise up into the sky. They could see their house getting smaller and smaller.

"Look at all the houses and trees!" said Sally. "Everything looks so tiny from up here!"

They floated over fields and rivers, seeing things they had never seen before. Suddenly, they saw a tall mountain with a castle on top. The castle looked very old and mysterious.

"Do you think we can visit the castle?" asked Tommy. "Let's try!" said Sally. The balloon drifted closer to the mountain and gently landed in front of the castle. They got out of the basket and walked up to the big door.

When they knocked, the door slowly opened. Inside, they found a room full of toys and books. A friendly dragon named Draco came to greet them.

"Welcome to my castle!" said Draco. "Would you like to play with the toys or read some books?"

Tommy and Sally decided to play with the toys first. There were dolls, cars, and even a big train set. They had so much fun! After playing, they sat down to read some books about faraway lands and brave heroes.

It was getting late, so Tommy and Sally thanked Draco and climbed back into their balloon. As they floated back home, they talked about their wonderful adventure.

"We will never forget this day," said Sally. "I can't wait for our next adventure!"

