



Kites in Flight

What different shaped kites do you see around you?

Go anywhere in the **world** on a windy day, and you might see kites floating high in the sky.

People have been flying kites for many years. Some people fly kites for fun. Other people fly kites to celebrate special holidays. Even scientists fly kites! They use kites to learn more about **nature** and changes in weather.

Kites can be different shapes. Some kites are shaped like squares or circles. Others are shaped like rectangles. There are even kites shaped like animals! Kites are often very **colorful**. Sometimes people paint pictures on their kites.

Every year, there is a big kite festival in Washington State. Kite flyers from all over the world bring their kites to this special event. There are contests to see which kites are the most beautiful and other contests to see which kites make the most amazing movements in the sky.

Interactive Read Aloud

Oral Vocabulary

world

Define: The *world* is the planet Earth.

Example: There are billions of people living in the *world*.



Ask: Where do you live in the *world*?

nature

Define: Plants and animals around us are part of *nature*.

Example: We enjoyed *nature* as we hiked through the woods.



Ask: What is your favorite part of *nature*? Tell why.

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Relate to Personal

Experience Point to the kites on the card. Ask children if they have ever flown a kite.

Ask: *What did the kite look like? Where did you fly it? What did it feel like to fly a kite?*







Unit 2 Week 2

In South America the country of Brazil has a long history of kite flying. People fly kites that look like spinning tops. The kites are very colorful and are used in games. These kites usually have five sides, with a rectangle on the bottom and a triangle on top. Can you count the five sides on the kite in the picture?

People in Brazil make their own kites at home. They use wood to make the frame and thin tissue paper to make the kite. Some people paint the flag of Brazil on their kites. Others even add pictures of one of the country's soccer teams.

You can see that people all around the world enjoy flying kites. Kites can be many shapes, colors, and sizes! Which kite is your favorite?

Interactive Read Aloud

Retell

Help children use the pictures to tell about what they see.

Card 1: What is flying high in the sky? What shapes do you see?

Card 2: What do you notice about the kites from India? What colors are the kites?

Card 3: What do most of the kites look like? Why do you think people fly kites shaped like this?

Card 4: What do the Brazilian kites look like? How are they made?