

Fear in the Air

In 1783, French brothers Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier designed a large hot-air balloon. They built a fire on the ground and held the opening of the balloon over the fire.

The balloon went up but the smell was terrible – they had put old shoes and rotten meat on the fire!



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Trial and error

The Montgolfier brothers got their balloon idea when they saw paper scraps floating near a fire. To test their idea, they filled paper bags with smoke.

Trial and **TERROR!**

The brothers were afraid to test the balloon themselves, so they sent a sheep, a duck and a rooster up instead! Luckily, the animals landed safely.

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