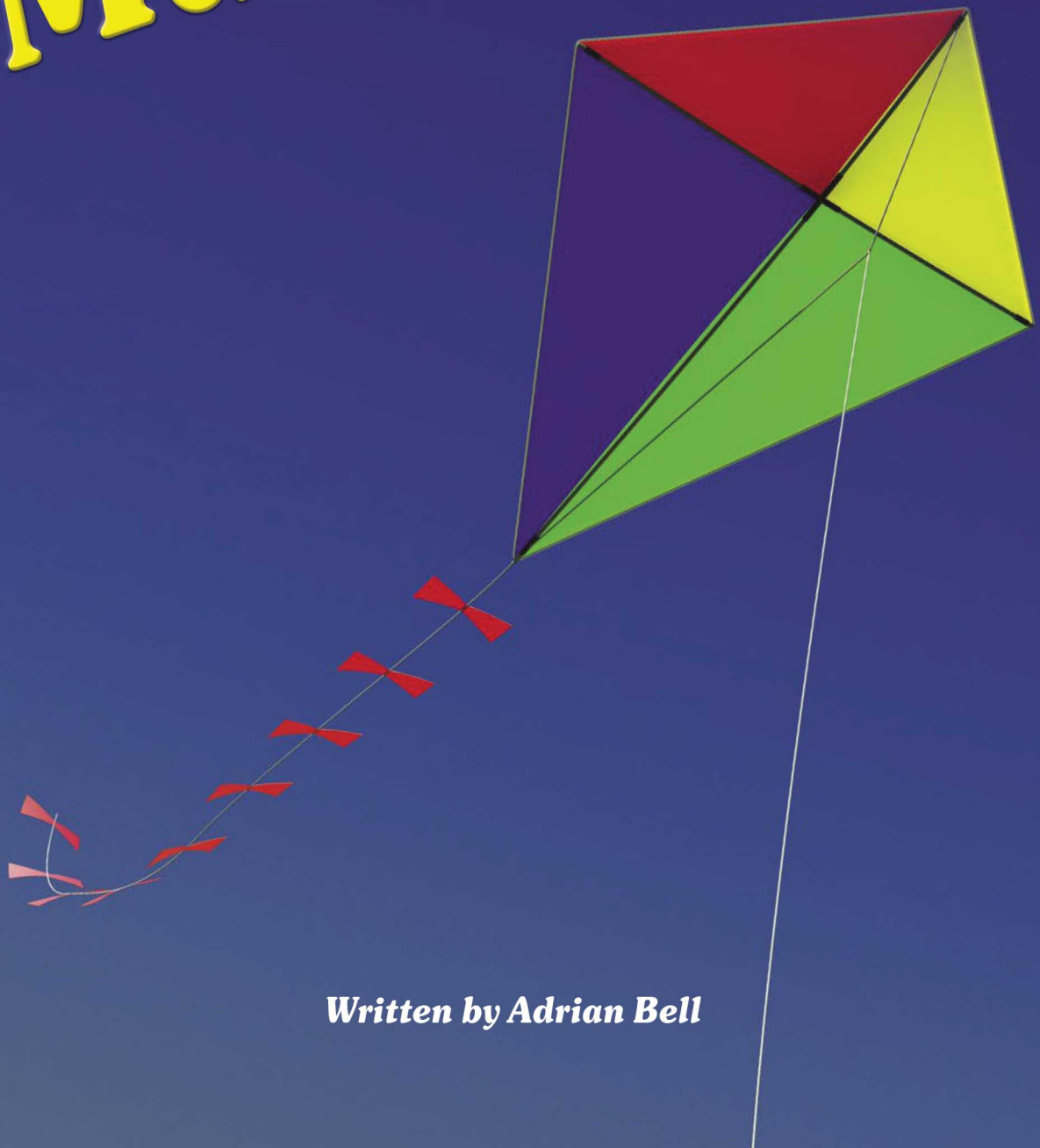
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Say

'Let's read the contents page together.'

Read

Read the contents page together with the students.

Check Understanding

- On what page would you find information about Chinese kites?
- What will page 6 tell you about?
- What are 'traditions'?

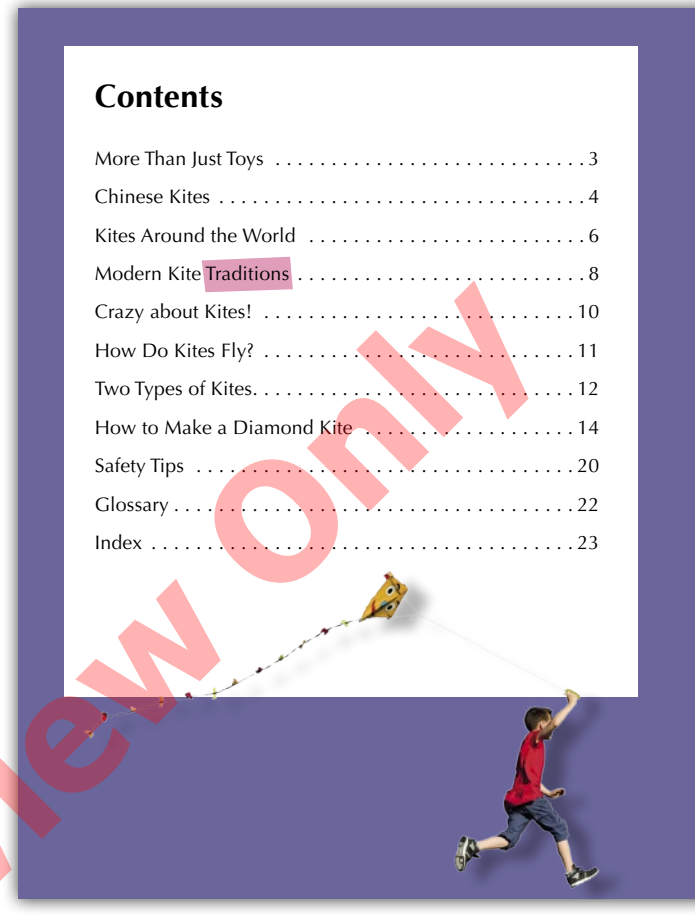
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What do you already know about kites?

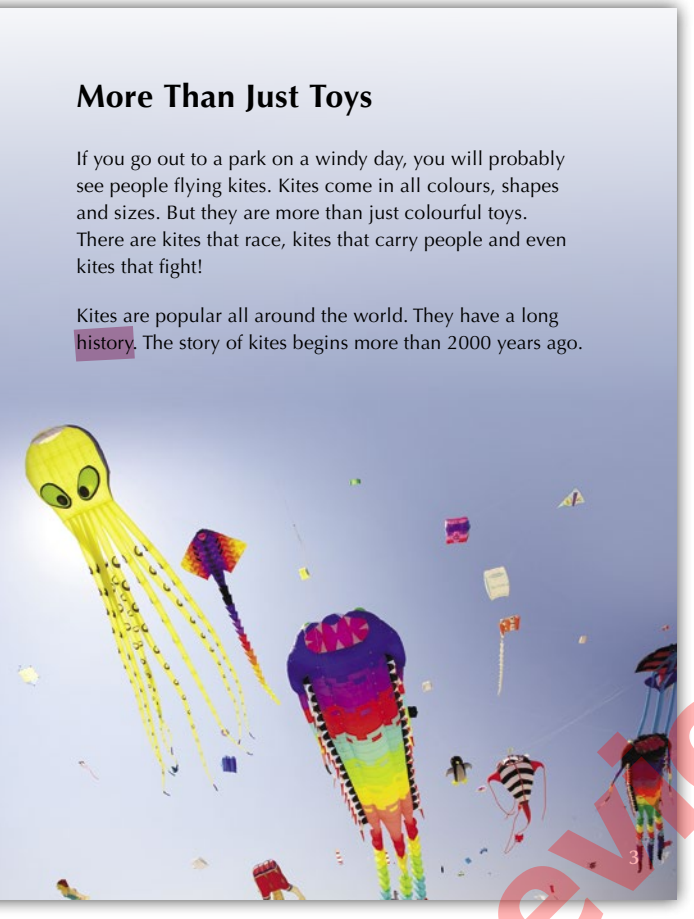
I **already know** _____.

Looking at the contents, what new information do you think you might learn by reading this book?

The **new information** I might learn is _____.



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Say

'Let's read page 3 together. Then read it again to yourself.'

Read

Read page 3 together with the students and then allow time for them to read it again to themselves.

Check Understanding

- Where could you go to see people flying kites?
- How long have people been making kites?
- What other word could the author have used instead of 'history'?

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What do some of the kites in the photograph remind you of?

Some of these kites **remind** me of _____.

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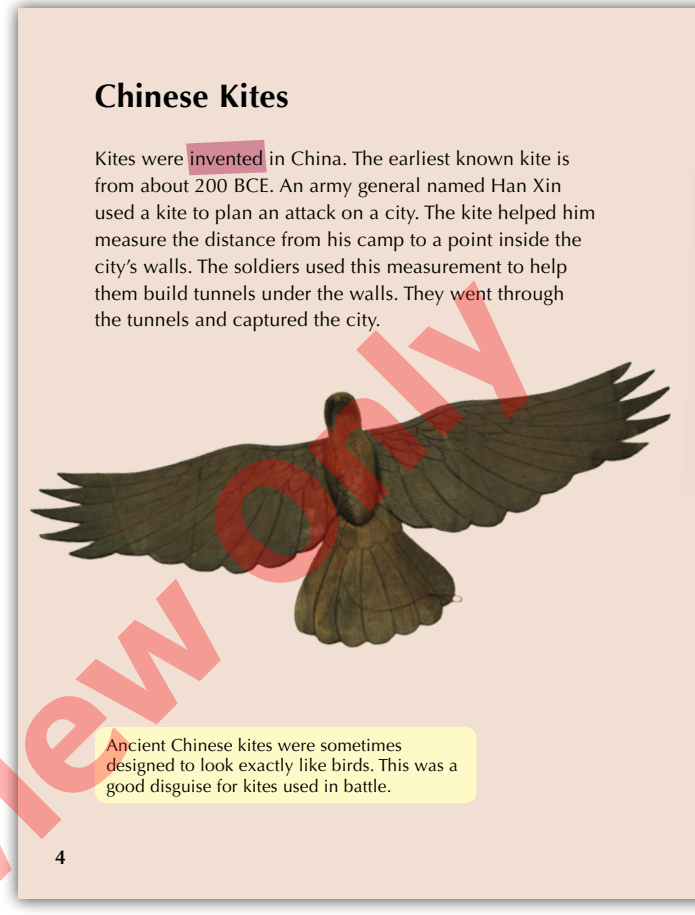
'Read pages 4 and 5 silently. Remember to look at the images and read the captions.'

Read

Ask the students to read pages 4–5 silently. Remind them to look at the images and the captions.

Check Understanding

- What did Han Xin use a kite for?
- What sort of shapes did people in ancient China use for their kites?
- Which part of the kite was made from bamboo?
- What did those who could not afford silk use to make their kites?
- Which word on page 4 means the same as 'created'?
- What is 'silk'?



Chinese Kites

Kites were invented in China. The earliest known kite is from about 200 BCE. An army general named Han Xin used a kite to plan an attack on a city. The kite helped him measure the distance from his camp to a point inside the city's walls. The soldiers used this measurement to help them build tunnels under the walls. They went through the tunnels and captured the city.

Ancient Chinese kites were sometimes designed to look exactly like birds. This was a good disguise for kites used in battle.

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Chinese people made kites in all kinds of shapes, such as animals, ships and dragons.

Wealthy people in China were the first to make kites as toys. They used bamboo to make the **frame**. They used light silk for the covering and the flying line. Those who could not afford silk made the covering from paper.

Some people put little bamboo pipes on their kites. In the wind, the pipes made a sound like the music of a stringed instrument called a zither, or zheng. The Chinese word for kite became fengzheng, meaning 'wind zither'.

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Talk

In 200 BCE, a kite was used in a war. What are kites used for now?

Now, kites are used _____.

If you wanted to make a kite, what do you already know that would help you?

I **already know** that _____.
In this section of the book I **learnt** _____

What new information would you need to know to make a kite?

The **new information** I would need to **know** to make a kite is _____.

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