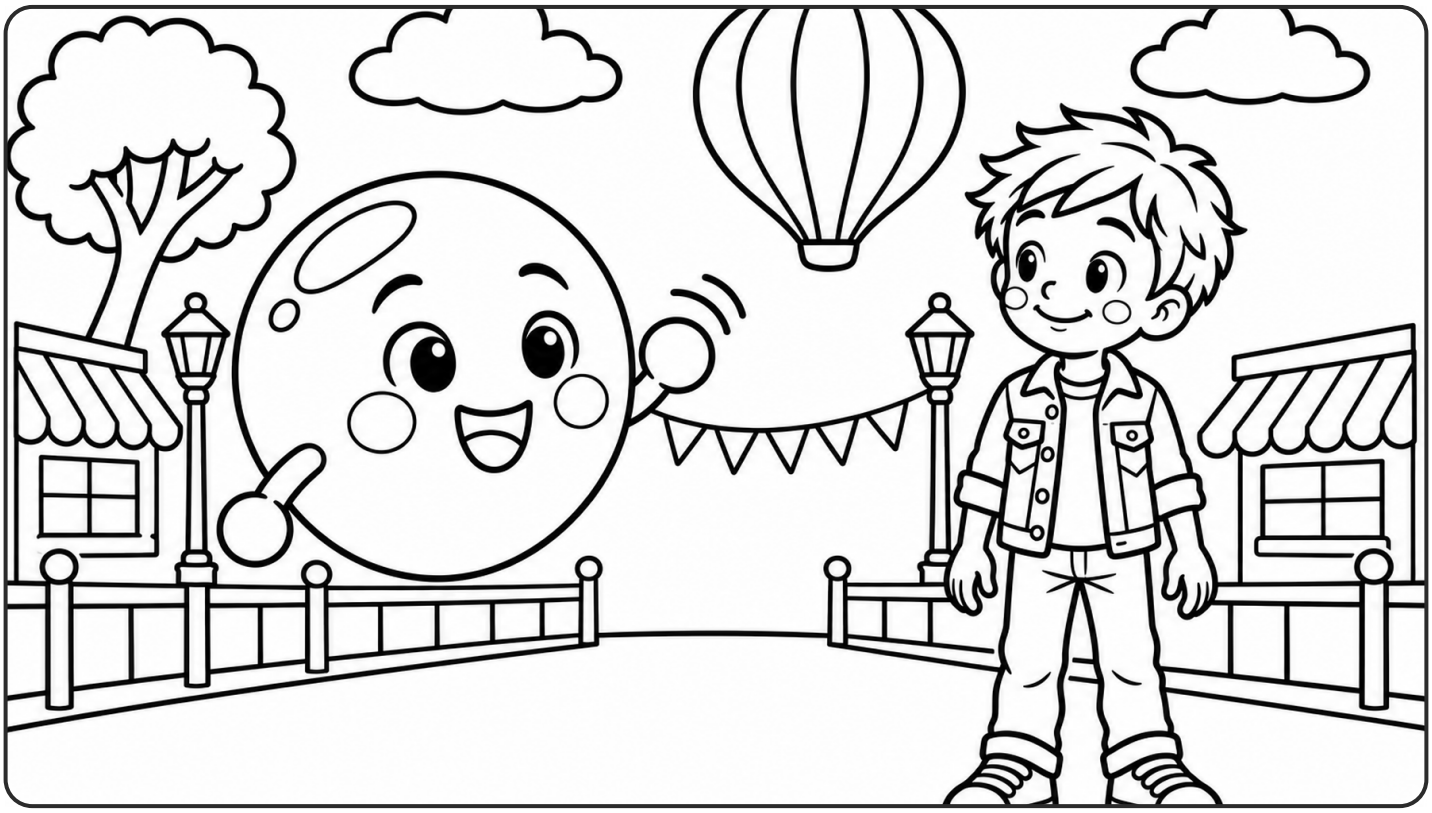
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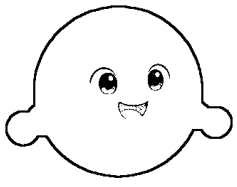
Whoa, look up! How do parade balloons float?



Why?

1. **Inside is lots and lots of helium.**
   Helium is a gas, like air. But helium is lighter than air.
2. **The air pushes it up, up, up!**
   A balloon full of helium weighs less than the air around it. So the air pushes it up, up, up!
3. **People hold them down!**
   Parade balloons hold so much helium that they could easily fly away. So every big balloon has lots of ropes. Eighty to a hundred helpers can hold one giant balloon!

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Try it! Feel the pull

You need: a helium balloon on a string

1. Hold a helium balloon by its string.
2. Feel the string. Can you feel it pulling up?
3. Hold on tight!

What happened? That's the air pushing the balloon up.

Video + more questions:
whywhywhykids.com/parade

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