Grammar past simple and past continuous

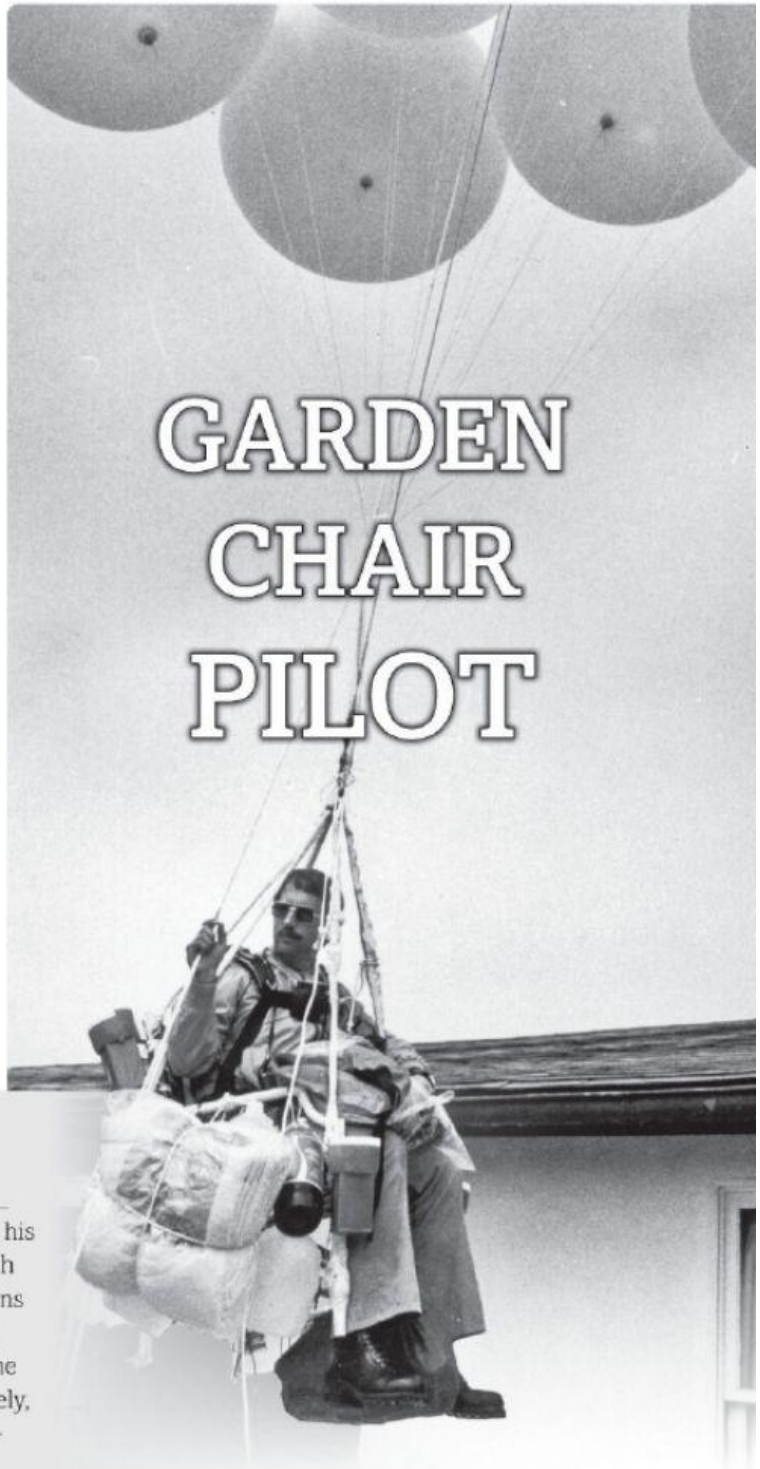
3 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verb in brackets.

1 It *was raining* (rain) when we left the house.
2 The children _____ (sleep) when we got home.
3 My partner didn't call because his mobile phone _____ (not work).
4 What _____ you _____ (talk) about when I came in?
5 Who _____ (drive) when the accident happened?
6 You _____ (not watch) the TV so I turned it off.
7 I _____ (live) in Paris when I met my husband.
8 We _____ (dance) when the lights went out.

4 Write sentences with *when*. Use the past simple and the past continuous.

1 I / drop a glass / I / do the washing up
I dropped a glass when I was doing the washing up.
2 we / study in the library / the fire / start
_____
3 my partner / break his leg / he / play football
_____
4 a thief / take my bag / I / sit in the park
_____
5 you / come out of the supermarket / I / see you
_____
6 my friends / wait outside the cinema / I / arrive
_____

5 Complete the article with the past simple or past continuous form of the verb in brackets.



When Larry Walters was a teenager, he [1] *saw* (see) some balloons while he [2] _____ (do) the shopping one day. He [3] _____ (think) about using them to fly, but he [4] _____ (not try) the idea until twenty years later. He [5] _____ (ask) his girlfriend and a friend to tie 45 balloons to a garden chair which he [6] _____ (sit) in. Then, they [7] _____ (fill) the balloons with helium. Immediately, Larry [8] _____ (rise) to a height of 3,600 m and he was very frightened. Then he noticed that the chair [9] _____ (go) towards Los Angeles Airport. Fortunately, he [10] _____ (come) down three-quarters of an hour later – before he reached the airport.