

READING COMPREHENSION

1) Read the article. Match headings 1-6 with paragraphs A-F in the text. There is one extra heading.

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| 1- Personal life | 3- Flying high | 5- Record breaker |
| 2- Young adventurer | 4- Everest climb | 6- Other interests |



A modern-day adventurer

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Steve Fossett was a great American adventurer. On July 3, 2002, he became the first person to fly alone around the world in a balloon without stopping. The balloon was called the *Spirit of Freedom*. He was also famous for world records in sailing and as an airplane pilot.

C ____

Steve's interest in adventure started when he was a child. He wasn't good at team sports, but he liked climbing. At the age of 12, he climbed his first mountain. In his lifetime, he climbed many high mountains, but not Everest.

D ____

He was also a good swimmer, and in 1985, he swam from France to England in 22 hours. He sailed and piloted airplanes around the world many times.

E ____

Steve Fossett was born in 1944, and he grew up in California. After high school, he went to college. He became a successful business man in Chicago. In 1968, he got married to his wife Peggy. He died in a plane crash in 2007.

B ____

The start and finish of his balloon trip was in Queensland, Australia. It took him thirteen days and eight hours to fly 33,190 kilometers. He only slept for four hours a day, in short 45-minute periods.

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2) Read the article again. Choose **T** (True) or **F** (False).

a. Steve Fossett sailed around the world alone on the *Spirit of Freedom*.

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F

b. He started and finished his record balloon trip on Australia.

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F

c. He slept four hours on the balloon trip.

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F

d. He never climbed Mount Everest.

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e. It took Steve 22 hours to swim between England and France.

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f. He worked as a pilot after college.

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g. He was married.

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3) Answer the questions about Steve according to the text.

- a) How long did the balloon trip take Steve? _____
- b) When did he climb his first mountain? _____
- c) What did he do after high school? _____
- d) When was he born? _____

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USE OF ENGLISH

1) Complete the sentences with the correct simple past form of be.

- 1 Sally wasn't at the skate park yesterday. ✗
- 2 Jim _____ late for school. ✓
- 3 They _____ bored. The movie wasn't very good. ✓
- 4 I _____ at Joe's house. ✗
- 5 We _____ in the kitchen. ✓
- 6 Tom _____ with his girlfriend on the weekend. ✗
- 7 David and I _____ at the gym. ✗
- 8 My grandparents _____ interested in the pictures. ✓
- 9 You _____ at the festival. ✗

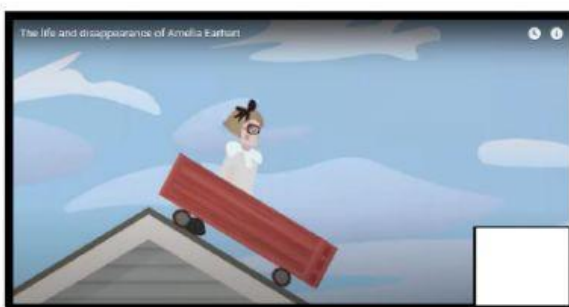
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2) Match the words to make Amelia Earhart's *life events*.

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| 1. be | a. up |
| 2. get | b. a rollercoaster |
| 3. buy | c. a job as a nurse |
| 4. find | d. to Ireland |
| 5. build | e. born |
| 6. grow | f. her first flying lesson |
| 7. go | g. married |
| 8. take | h. her first plane |

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3) Match the life events with the pictures. **BE CAREFUL:** There is an **EXTRA** *life event* you **DON'T** have to match.



GRAMMAR

4) Complete the blanks with the correct simple past form of the verbs in brackets.

Amelia Earhart**was**.....(be) born in 1897. She (grow) up in Kansas and she (go) to high school in Chicago. Earhart (leave) high school in 1916 and she (find) a job as a nurse. She (go) to college in 1919 and she (study) medicine, but she only (stay) in college for a year. Why? Because she (fall) in love with flying. She (leave) college and (become) a pilot. She (fly) all the time... And this was at a time when not many women (be) pilots. She (married) in 1931. Then, in 1932, Amelia Earhart made history. She (become) the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean. She...