



Student's name: _____
Book: American English File 1 -Units: From 1 to 8

READING COMPREHENSION

1. Lucas likes adventure. He is reading about Steve Fossett. Read carefully and match the headings 1-6 with paragraphs A-F. There is one extra heading. (5x1=5)

1- Personal Life _____
2- Young adventurer _____
3- Flying high _____
4- Everest climb _____

5- Record breaker _____
6- Other interests _____



A modern-day adventurer

A

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.

Now read again and answer the questions. (8x2=16)

a) When did he became the first person to fly alone around the world in a balloon?

b) What was the name of the balloon?

c) Was he a pilot too?

d) How many days did he fly in Queensland?

e) Did he sleep six hours a day?

f) How old was he when he climbed his first mountain?

g) Did he like swimming?

h) When did he die?

LANGUAGE IN USE**2. Lucas is reading some extracts of his diary. Read and complete with the correct word. (15x1 = 15)**

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a. I have a new classmate. His _____ is Akira.

b. He is from Japan, so he is _____.

c. He doesn't have a girlfriend, he is _____.

d. He always has _____ book in his backpack. He likes reading a lot.

e. I have to send him homework. His _____ is akira_145@gmail.com



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a. Lionel Messi is my favorite _____. He plays for Barcelona FC.

b. I _____ watching his matches with my father.

c. Lionel _____ comes to Argentina to visit his family.

d. I saw him in a restaurant _____ November 15th.

e. He drank a _____ of water with his friends.



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a. I read about Steve Fossett's life for the first time and I really like _____.

b. He was an _____. He was very brave.

c. During his life, he earned a lot _____ money.

d. He _____ swim from France to England in 22 hours.

e. He got married to Peggy _____ 1968.

**3. Lucas and his friend Akira are chatting. Complete the dialog using **PRESENT SIMPLE** or **PRESENT PROGRESSIVE**. (8x1.5=12)****Lucas:** What does your father do?**Akira:** He is a writer. He _____ (work) for a newspaper. He usually _____ (write) articles about important events in our city. **But now**, he _____ (try) to write a book.**Lucas:** A book?**Akira:** Yes. It is a biography. It's about a famous politician from Japan.**Lucas:** Wow! Is your father at home? What is he doing **right now**?**Akira:** Well, **right now**, he _____ (sit) at his desk, and _____ (use) his computer to talk to a politician online. He _____ (talk) to him **every morning** because he _____ (write) about his life. In the afternoon, he _____ (not work), he tries to relax.**4. Lucas' favorite actor is Jackie Chan. Complete this paragraph with the **PAST** form of the verbs in brackets. (9x1=9)**

Jackie Chan _____ (be born) in Hong Kong, on April 7, 1954. When he was a child, he _____ (move) to Australia with his parents. From age 7 to 17 he _____ (study) acrobatics, singing, martial arts, and mime. Chan _____ (make) his big screen debut in 1978. In the 1990s, he _____ (get) the success he always _____ (want) in the US. In 1998, he _____ (appear) in the movie *Rush Hour* alongside American comedian Chris Tucker. He also _____ (act) in the remake of *The Karate Kid*. In 2016, Chan _____ (become) the first Chinese actor to receive an honorary Academy Award which recognized his "distinctive international career."

a) UK

b) US

c) German

6. in 1937 there was a disaster. Her plane _____ in the Pacific.

a) exploded

b) crashed

c)disappeared

WRITING

8. Lucas wants to know about you. Include: (20p)

1 st Paragraph	Personal info, physical description and daily routine. Activities you like, love and hate doing .
2 nd Paragraph	Favorite singer or celebrity (place and date of birth, job, favorite kind of music and best songs)
3 rd Paragraph	What did you do on your last vacation?

