

- 3** Read the text below about Tariq Al Barwani, a top IT expert in Oman. Circle the most suitable form of each verb.

A Career in Information Technology (IT)

Tariq Al Barwani, studied at universities in Canada and Australia. He was the first Omani national to receive Microsoft's prestigious Most Valuable Professional (MVP) award.



When Tariq was a child, his father **(1) realised/had realised** that he had a special gift for computer skills. He sent Tariq to private institutions to learn more about computer technology. As a result, Tariq **(2) had learned/was learning** to use the Internet long before Oman Telecommunication Company (Omantel) introduced it to Oman in 1997.

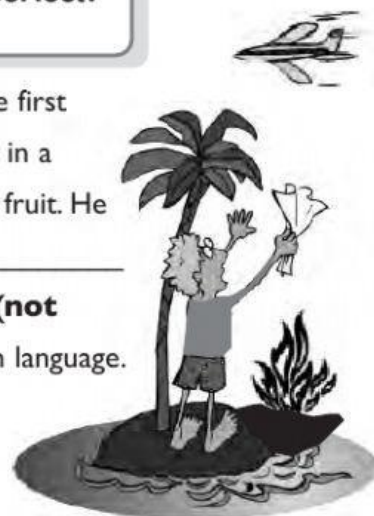
By the age of 13, Tariq **(3) represented/had represented** Oman at the Arab Gulf Countries Council Information Technology workshop in Bahrain. In 1998, a company called United Media Service (UMS) **(4) was offering/offered** him a job as a computer programmer. By the age of 20, Tariq **(5) became/had become** an IT entrepreneur.

Tariq **(6) developed/had developed** the first IT portal in Oman. It was later bought by a company called Oman Holdings International (OHI). Tariq became the company's Internet Services Manager. In 2000, he was voted Oman's best IT specialist.

In 2002, Tariq **(7) received/had received** an offer from Acadia University in Canada to study for a bachelor's degree in computer science. He went there and **(8) graduated/had graduated** among the top 5% of students in his department. His next step was Swinburne University in Australia, where he received a degree in IT in 2004. Although the course was a 2-year programme, Tariq **(9) completed/was completing** it in only 11 months with a grade of 'Distinction.' Once again, he **(10) was proving/had proved** himself to be a first-class student.

- 4** Put each verb in brackets in the text below into the past perfect.

The castaway told reporters that he **(1) _____ (forget)** when he first came to the island. He **(2) _____ (swim)** there when his ship sank in a storm. He **(3) _____ (catch)** fish and **(4) _____ (eat)** fruit. He **(5) _____ (build)** a house out of sticks and leaves. He **(6) _____ (be)** on the island for many years. In all that time, he **(7) _____ (not see)** another human being, and he **(8) _____ (not speak)** his own language. He **(9) _____ (make)** a fire to attract ships and planes, but they **(10) _____ (not come)** by.



- 5** Turn to page 71 of your Workbook and complete the Grammar Practice activities.