Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect

2 Complete the text with the correct past simple, past continuous or past perfect form or the verbs in brackets.

In 2010, a British adventurer [1]_____ (become) the first person to walk the entire length of the Amazon after a 6,000-mile trek. When he finally [2]_____ (reach) the finish, he [3]_____ (walk) for nearly two-and-a-half years.

Ex-army officer Ed Stafford, 34, [4]_____ (arrive) at the finishing point, the mouth of the river in Brazil, 859 days after he [5]_____ (set off) from its source in Peru. He [6]_____ (begin) the epic journey with walking partner Luke Collyer, 37, an outdoor activities instructor. But three months after they [7]_____ (set off) on their journey, the pair [8]_____ (fall out) after an argument and Collyer [9]_____ (return) to the UK.

Along the way Stafford [10]_____ (encounter) poisonous snakes, scorpions, electric eels and piranhas. But Stafford's scariest moment was at the hands of local tribesmen. One day, Stafford [11]_____ (approach) a small village when five or six locals suddenly [12]_____ (start) running towards him with machetes, guns, and bows and arrows. The tribesmen [13]_____ (capture) Stafford, but they [14]_____ (allow) him to leave soon after. By the end of the trip, Stafford [15]_____ (endure) hundreds of wasp stings and [16]_____ (suffer) an estimated 50,000 mosquito bites.

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