

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

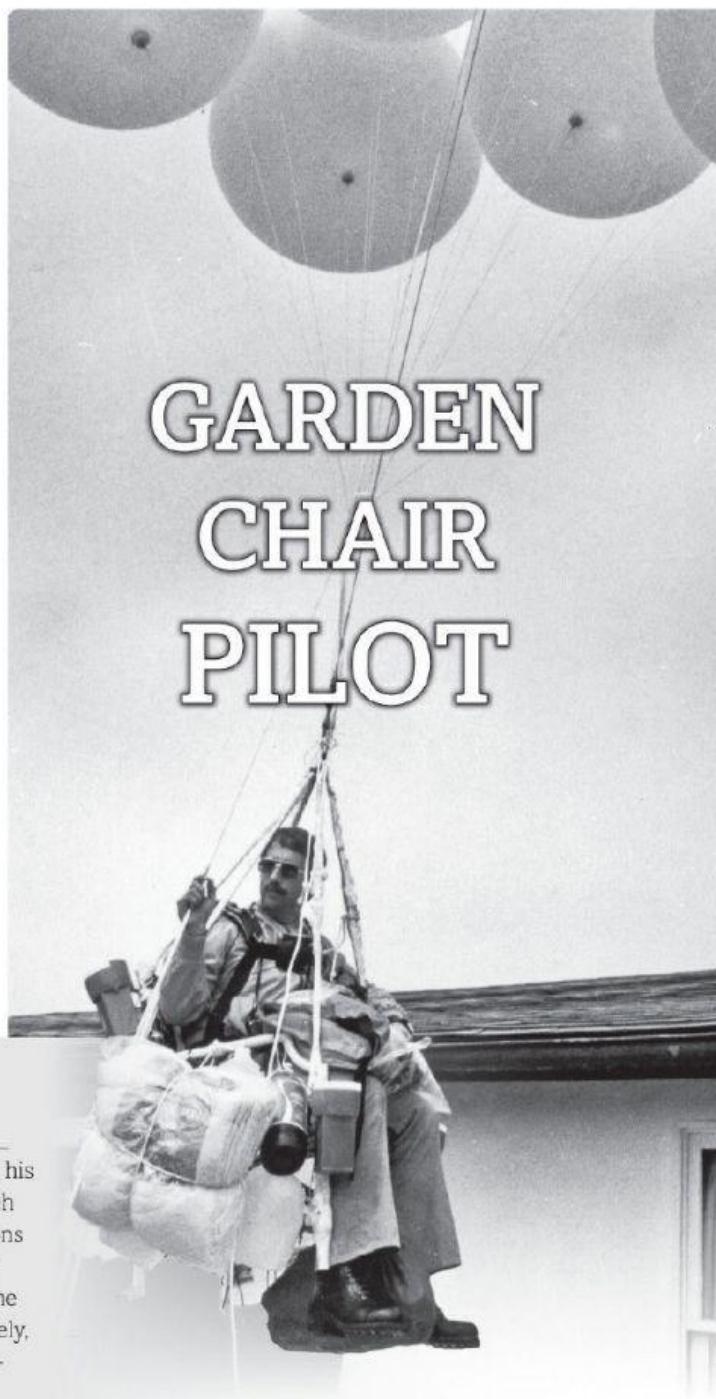
4 a thief / take my bag / I / sit in the park

5 you / come out of the supermarket / I / see you

6 my friends / wait outside the cinema / I / arrive

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

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



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