



LISTENING

PAST SIMPLE VS PAST CONTINUOUS

Look at those dates, can you think of an important event?

2002 2004 2005 2007 2012

While you watch

1 Watch the video. What events from the years above are mentioned?

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2 Watch the first part of the video again and complete the text with the country names mentioned.

Countries that changed their currency to the Euro:

Germany, (1) _____, Italy, (2) _____, Portugal, and (3) _____.

Countries affected by the 2004 tsunami:

Indonesia, (4) _____, India, and (5) _____.

Countries affected by hurricanes and earthquakes in 2005:

United States, (6) _____, and (7) _____.

3 Watch the second part of the video again and choose the correct answers. More than one answer may be correct.

- 1 According to the video, what kinds of websites started in the first years of the 21st century?
 - a) social networking
 - b) shopping
 - c) travel agencies
- 2 According to the video, what did Apple's 2007 iPhone add to an ordinary mobile phone?
 - a) MP3 player
 - b) voice recorder
 - c) digital camera
- 3 According to the video, what can people do with more modern smartphones?
 - a) download music
 - b) post messages on social media
 - c) get directions or a map
- 4 According to the video, how did people watch Felix Baumgartner's space jump?
 - a) on TV
 - b) on smartphones
 - c) on laptops



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After you watch

1 Read the text. Then match the pronouns in bold to the things or people they refer to below.

Felix Baumgartner was born in 1969, in Salzburg, Austria. (1) **He** began sky-diving at the age of 16, but within a few years he started to get a little bored of (2) **it** and changed to base-jumping — jumping off very high buildings, bridges, and cliffs. (3) **It** is an extremely dangerous sport, with almost 43 times more accidents than parachuting. However, Baumgartner's hero was always the pilot and sky-diver Joseph Kittinger. (4) **He** had set a record for sky-diving in 1960 by jumping from a plane at an altitude of 102,800 feet, and Baumgartner decided to try to beat (5) **it**.

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| _____ a) Joseph Kittinger | _____ d) the 1960 record for sky-diving |
| _____ b) sky-diving | _____ e) base-jumping |
| _____ c) Felix Baumgartner | |

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Use the past progressive where possible.

On October 14th, 2012, Felix Baumgartner (1) _____ (make) history when he (2) _____ (break) the record for the highest skydive, jumping from 128,097 feet. His parents (3) _____ (watch) while he made his jump, and some reporters said that his mother (4) _____ (cry) as she waited for his return to Earth. It was very dangerous. While he (5) _____ (fall) towards Earth, he (6) _____ (travel) at speeds of up to 834 mph. However, after just under ten minutes, Baumgartner (7) _____ (land) safely.

