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1 Complete the text with the past simple, past continuous or past perfect form of the verbs below.

be (x2) become be born climb complete
not go have to name take part write

Sir Ranulph Fiennes⁰ was born on 7th March 1944 and by the age of 70, he¹ _____ on numerous expeditions around the world. He² _____ the first person to visit both North and South poles and³ _____ the first person to cross Antarctica on foot. In 2003, despite suffering from a heart attack just four months before, he⁴ _____ seven marathons in seven days. At the age of 65 he⁵ _____ to the summit of Mount Everest, becoming the oldest British person ever to do so. He's also had a number of setbacks on his journeys. In 2013, 'The Coldest Journey' expedition⁶ _____ as he expected. While he⁷ _____ in the expedition, he⁸ _____ give up because of frostbite and was evacuated from Antarctica. The Guinness Book of World Records⁹ _____ him the world's greatest living explorer. He¹⁰ _____ over 23 books by the time he was 70.

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2 Write sentences using the past simple and past continuous, and when or while.

0 We / sail / across the ocean / we / see / a shark.
We were sailing across the ocean when we saw a shark.
1 We / see / two crocodiles / kayak / Amazon river.

2 He / cycle / Indonesia / avoid / collision / motorcycle.

3 The plane / fly / over the sea / catch / fierce storm.

4 Sam / suffer / dehydration / trek / the desert.

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3 Rewrite the sentences to make one sentence starting with the words in brackets.

0 Her equipment wasn't functioning properly. She still managed to reach the North Pole. (despite)
Despite her equipment not functioning properly, she still managed to reach the North Pole.
1 The weather was appalling. They decided to continue their journey. (although)

2 We never lost sight of our goal. It was a difficult challenge. (in spite of)

3 She travelled solo across India. She didn't have much motorcycling experience. (even though)

4 I decided to cycle the whole length of the UK to raise money for charity. It was an exhausting challenge. (although)

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4 Write sentences using the past perfect continuous. Then match the parts of the sentences.

0 She / train / hard Sahara Desert Trek
She had been training hard for the Sahara Desert Trek.
1 He / kayak / two days

2 They / plan / voyage / months

3 She / swim / river

4 It / rain / non-stop / days

5 They / sail / near glacier

A before they set out. _

B not long before the shark was spotted. _

C causing the worst flooding in years. _

D but fell ill just before she could start the event. _

E when some ice fell and hit their boat. _

F when he encountered the poisonous snake. _

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