Tales of the Past

1 23 Listen and circle the correct option.

1. She was **swimming** / **sailing** / **flying** in Hawaii when sharks attacked her.
2. She was walking on the ice when she fell into **a river** / **a crack** / **the ocean**.
3. She was **walking** / **running** / **cycling** across Australia when a snake bit her.
4. She was cycling in Alaska when a **wave** / **polar bear** / **snowstorm** hit.
5. She was flying a plane when the **plane** / **forest** / **engine** caught fire.

2 24 Listen again and number the pictures.



3 Read and write the verbs in the Past simple.

John Smith (1) _____ (be) an English explorer and writer.

He (2) _____ (sail) across the Atlantic Ocean.

He (3) _____ (travel) from England to America in 1606.

He (4) _____ (arrive) in Virginia in 1607 and

(5) _____ (establish) a colony called Jamestown.

He (6) _____ (return) to England in 1609. He

(7) _____ (tell) many stories about his adventures,

and they (8) _____ (be) very succesful.



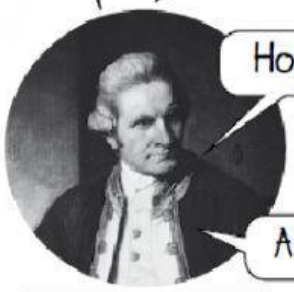
2 Read and complete the dialogue.

When did you start your journey?

(1) _____

And where did you go?

(2) _____



How fascinating! And how long did it take?

(3) _____

Amazing! What did you see?



Captain Cook

(4) _____

Marco Polo

a. I saw many incredible things!
b. I was born in 1254.
c. In total it took 24 years.
d. We started in 1271.
e. We sailed to the Middle East and then travelled to China.
f. When we returned I became a merchant.