

5a Complete the extracts about the first hoax mentioned in the radio programme, using the correct linking word or phrase from the box. Use each word or phrase only once.

as soon as by the time (that) during meanwhile
until while

- 1 A couple, Richard and Mayumi Heene, let a large gas balloon float off into the air and then, _____ it was high in the sky, they claimed that their six-year-old son was inside the balloon.
- 2 The police were informed and helicopters were sent up to track the balloon _____ they could find a safe way of getting him down.
- 3 _____ the balloon landed an hour or so later, about 80 km away, the story was live on television.
- 4 When the boy was not found inside, the media reported that he had fallen out _____ the flight, and a huge search started. _____, the boy was actually safe at home, hiding. The parents suddenly announced that they had found him at home, asleep.
- 5 We can't say for sure because the couple never admitted it, but _____ reporters were interviewing the family on TV, the boy accidentally mentioned that they'd done it to be on TV. He was supposed to keep quiet about that.