# 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?**

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____

**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

LIVEWORKSHEETS

# LISTENING
# PAST SIMPLE VS PAST CONTINUOUS

## 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**.

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

**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.





LIVEWORKSHEETS