



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

