



## Practice

- 1 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences, using the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple or past continuous.  2.63 Listen and check.



- 0 When we *arrived* ..... at the resort, *it was raining* ..... (arrive, fall)  
 1 We ..... when the storm ..... (run, start)  
 2 We ..... for shelter when the storm ..... (run, start)  
 3 I ..... the bank when the robber ..... (leave, arrive)  
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- 2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Read the article and choose the correct words in *italics*.  2.64 Listen and check.

## Steve Fossett

Steve Fossett was always looking for adventure, even as a boy in the 1950s. After some years in business, he (0) *began* / *was beginning* his well-known adventures, from swimming the English Channel to sailing round the world. But Fossett is best-known for his adventures in the air – in hot-air balloons, gliders and light aircraft.

In 2005 he (1) *broke* / *was breaking* the record for non-stop flying when he flew round the world in 67 hours without stopping for fuel. A year later, as he (2) *attempted* / *was attempting* to break the record for the longest flight, he had to stop because part of his engine had failed – but he broke the record, anyway.

Fossett's adventures often put him in danger – in 1998, while he (3) *travelled* / *was travelling* around the world in a balloon, he almost died (4) *while* / *when* the balloon fell from the sky. In the end, it was a routine flight that (5) *took* / *was taking* his life – he was flying a small plane across the Nevada Desert in September 2007 when he (6) *disappeared* / *was disappearing*. No one could find him, then, some months later, a hiker (7) *walked* / *was walking* through the mountains in southern California when he (8) *noticed* / *was noticing* some personal items which (9) *belonged* / *were belonging* to the adventurer, and soon afterwards a search party (10) *found* / *was finding* the wreckage of the plane. Some time later, Fossett's body was found – his adventures were over.



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- 3 Write true answers to the questions.

What were you doing, or what was happening when ...

- 0 you received your last text message? *I was watching TV.*  
 1 you received your last text message? .....  
 2 you lost something important? .....  
 3 you saw something unusual? .....  
 4 you heard some shocking news? .....  
 5 you lost your temper? .....