

Unit 1 New millennium

Before you watch

1 Discuss the questions about these years in pairs.

2002 2004 2005 2007 2012

- 1 What were you doing during these years?
- 2 What was happening in the world?
- 3 How did you feel about these events? Upset? Happy? Amazed?

2 Watch the video. What events from those years are mentioned?

While you watch

1 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) _____.

2 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 kind of websites started in the first years of the 21st century?
 - a) social networking
 - b) shopping
 - c) travel agents
- 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?
- download music
 - post messages on social media
 - get directions or a map
- 4 According to the video, how did people watch Felix Baumgartner's space jump?
- on TV
 - on smartphones
 - on laptops

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 with (2) **it** and changed to base-jumping – jumping off very high buildings, bridges and cliffs. (3) **It** is an extremely dangerous sport, with nearly 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 brackets. Use the past continuous where possible.

On 14th October 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.

Over to you

1 Complete the sentences about yourself, using the past continuous.

- This time last year I _____.
- I met _____ when I _____.
- I _____ when I heard the news about _____.

2 Tell your partner about the situations in Ex. 1. React to what your partner says, using follow-up questions and comments, for example:

What about you?
 Oh no, that's awful. Really? Why?
 What were you doing? Wow!