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What's in the news?

Past Simple and Continuous • Adverbs • Saying when

STARTER

- 1 What is the Past Simple of these verbs?
Which are regular? Which are irregular?

leave	take	become	begin
go	do	think	meet
walk	arrive	explain	end
want	decide		

- 2 Practise saying them around the class.
leave, left take, took

HE WALKED 6,000 MILES! Past Simple and Past Continuous

- 1 Look at Ed Stafford's web page.
What was he the first to do?
- 2 Read and complete the text with verbs
from the Starter in the Past Simple.

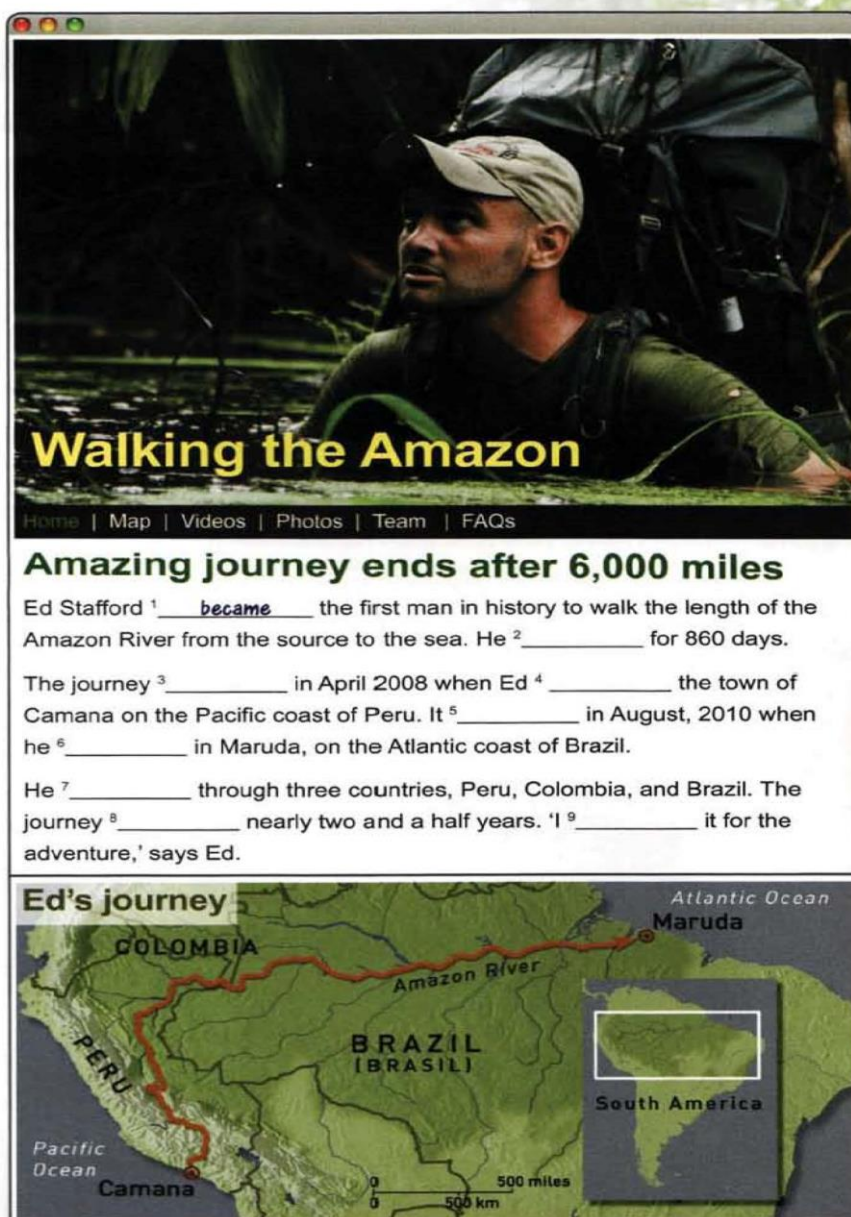
T 3.1 Listen and check.

- 3 Work with a partner. Write the questions.

- 1 How far/Ed walk?
How far did Ed walk?
- 2 When/journey begin?
- 3 Where/journey end?
- 4 Which countries/go through?
- 5 How long/journey take?
- 6 Why/do it?

Now look at the map and read the text
again. Answer the questions.

- 4 **T 3.2** Listen and check. Practise
the questions and answers with
your partner.



Walking the Amazon

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Amazing journey ends after 6,000 miles

Ed Stafford ¹ became the first man in history to walk the length of the Amazon River from the source to the sea. He ² _____ for 860 days.

The journey ³ _____ in April 2008 when Ed ⁴ _____ the town of Camana on the Pacific coast of Peru. It ⁵ _____ in August, 2010 when he ⁶ _____ in Maruda, on the Atlantic coast of Brazil.

He ⁷ _____ through three countries, Peru, Colombia, and Brazil. The journey ⁸ _____ nearly two and a half years. 'I ⁹ _____ it for the adventure,' says Ed.

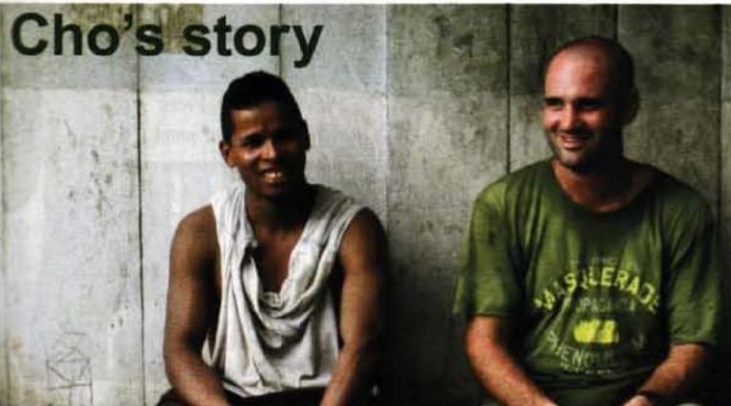
Ed's journey

Map showing the Amazon River flowing through Peru, Colombia, and Brazil (BRASIL). The journey starts at Camana on the Pacific Ocean and ends at Maruda on the Atlantic Ocean. An inset map shows the location of the Amazon basin in South America. Scale: 500 miles / 500 km.

- 5 Read **Cho's story**. Who is Cho?
- 6 Which tense are the verbs in **bold** in Cho's story? Complete these sentences.
- 1 Cho was working in the forest when he ...
 - 2 They were walking in a dangerous part of the forest when they ...
 - 3 The tribe didn't understand what Ed ...
- 7 Write the questions. Ask and answer them with your partner.
- 1 What/Cho doing/when/met Ed?
 - 2 Where/walking when/saw/tribe?
 - 3 Why/tribe think/Ed/crazy?

T3.3 Listen and check.

Cho's story



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Ed didn't do the trip alone. His companion was Gadiel 'Cho' Sanchez Rivera, a forestry worker from Peru.

Cho said, 'When I first met Ed, I **was working** in the forest. I thought he was crazy, but I wanted to help him and be his guide.'

'One day we **were walking** in a very dangerous part of the forest when we saw a hostile tribe. They didn't understand what Ed **was doing** there. I explained he was an adventurer and he **was walking** the Amazon. They decided he was crazy, too.'

GRAMMAR SPOT

- 1 The Past Simple expresses a completed action in the past.
Ed **walked** the Amazon. He **began** his journey in 2008.
- 2 Complete the question and negative.
When _____ the journey begin?
They _____ finish the journey until 2010.
- 3 The Past Continuous expresses an activity in progress in the past.
Cho **was working** in the forest when he met Ed.
Compare these sentences.
I **had** a shower last night. (= simple, completed action)
I **was having** a shower when the phone rang. (= interrupted activity)

▶▶ Grammar Reference 3.1–3.3 p138 ▶▶ Irregular verbs p158

- 8 Read **Ed's blog**. Put the verb in brackets in the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

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Ed's blog

12 July

The day I nearly died

Today I ¹ _____ (walk) next to the river when I nearly ² _____ (stand) on a snake. I ³ _____ (stop) immediately. The snake's fangs ⁴ _____ (go) in and out. I was terrified. I ⁵ _____ (not move). One bite and you're dead in 3 hours.



10 September

Knives and guns!

Early this morning we ⁶ _____ (cross) the river by boat when we ⁷ _____ (see) five canoes. The tribesmen ⁸ _____ (carry) knives and guns. They were angry because we ⁹ _____ (not have) permission to be on their land. We ¹⁰ _____ (leave) as fast as we could.



24 November

The jungle at night

I ¹¹ _____ (lie) in my hammock last night trying to sleep, but it was impossible because the noise of the jungle was so loud. Monkeys ¹² _____ (scream) in the trees, and millions of mosquitos ¹³ _____ (buzz) round my head. I ¹⁴ _____ (take) a sleeping pill and finally ¹⁵ _____ (fall) asleep at 3.00 a.m.



T3.4 Listen and check.

- 9 Think of more questions to ask about Ed and Cho.
- What did they eat?
 - How did they navigate?
- Go online and find out more about Ed. Were your questions answered? What else did you learn? Tell the class.