

1 GRAMMAR past continuous

a Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the past continuous.

- 1 You were laughing (laugh) when I took the photo.
- 2 It _____ (snow) when our plane landed.
- 3 We _____ (not drive) fast when the accident happened.
- 4 What _____ (he / do) when his boss arrived?
- 5 Why _____ (you / cry) at the party?
- 6 I _____ (sit) on the bus when I saw my boyfriend with another girl.
- 7 They _____ (live) in New Zealand when their first child was born.
- 8 He didn't call you because his mobile phone _____ (not work).

b Write sentences with *when*. Use the past simple and past continuous.

- 1 They / argue / the waiter /
bring / the bill.
They were arguing when
the waiter brought the bill.



- 2 He / fall / off his bike /
cycle / home



- 3 The children / play / video
games / the visitors / arrive



- 4 We / have / a barbecue /
it / start / to rain



- 5 I / finish / my report / my
computer / crash



- c Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous.

Last summer I ¹ went (go) to Los Angeles to stay with my cousin for a few weeks. One afternoon we ² _____ (have) lunch in a nice restaurant in the centre of town when my cousin ³ _____ (get) a call on her mobile phone and went outside to talk. While she ⁴ _____ (speak) to her friend, I suddenly ⁵ _____ (notice) a man in a black hat who ⁶ _____ (sit) at the next table. It was the actor Johnny Depp! He was alone, and I ⁷ _____ (decide) to take my chance. So I got up and ⁸ _____ (go) to his table. 'Excuse me, could I have my photo taken with you?' I asked. He ⁹ _____ (say) yes, so I ¹⁰ _____ (stop) a waitress who ¹¹ _____ (pass) by and gave her my camera. She ¹² _____ (take) the photo of me and Johnny. I thanked them both, and then I returned to my table. When my cousin ¹³ _____ (come) back, I ¹⁴ _____ (smile). 'Why are you looking so pleased with yourself?' she asked. 'I had my photo taken with Johnny Depp.' 'Johnny Depp? Where is he?' 'He's sitting over there. Look!' She turned around to look and then started to laugh. 'That's not Johnny Depp!' I ¹⁵ _____ (look) at the man in the black hat – he ¹⁶ _____ (laugh) too.