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The story behind the photo

1 GRAMMAR past continuous

a Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses 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 boss.
- 7 They _____ (live) in Brazil when their first child was born.
- 8 He didn't call you because his cell phone _____ (not work).

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

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



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



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



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



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



c Complete the story with the simple past 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 when my cousin ³ _____ (get) a call on her cell 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 happy?" 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.

2 VOCABULARY *at, in, on*

time

a Complete the sentences with *at, in, or on*.

- 1 The results of the election were announced at 11 o'clock.
- 2 Cell phones were invented in the 20th century.
- 3 Our flight is leaving on Wednesday at 9:30 in the evening and arriving at 12 o'clock on Thursday.
- 4 We have an exam on Monday morning.
- 5 In most countries, banks and offices are closed on New Year's Day.
- 6 I hate driving at night, getting up early on the morning, and working on the weekend.
- 7 Steve Jobs was born in 1955, and he died on October 5, 2011.
- 8 We went to Florida last winter, and we're going again in the summer, probably the last two weeks in July.

place

b Complete the sentences with *at, in, or on*.

- 1 He took some great photos at the party.
- 2 I can't read a book on the bus or in a car.
- 3 We want to put some shelves on the wall in the living room. We're going to put all our old books on the shelves.
- 4 My family is from Brazil, but we live in New York, on the 11th floor of a tall building.
- 5 I'll meet you at the bus stop.
- 6 The adults sat in chairs and the children sat on the floor.
- 7 They spent the morning in the museum and then went for a walk in the park.
- 8 Please meet me at the library by the front desk at noon.

3 PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

iChecker Listen and repeat the dialogue. Copy the rhythm.

- A Where were you at ten o'clock last night?
B I was at home.
A What were you doing?
B I was watching a movie.

4 LISTENING

- a **iChecker** Listen to a conversation between Matt and Jenny about a photo. Does Jenny like the photo? _____
- b **iChecker** Listen again and choose the best answers.
- 1 The photo shows...
 - a Matt's parents.
 - b Matt's aunt and uncle.
 - c Matt's grandparents.
 - 2 The photo was taken...
 - a in the spring.
 - b in the summer.
 - c in the fall.
 - 3 The man wanted to win...
 - a some money.
 - b some food.
 - c some jewelry.
 - 4 The other people in the photo were the man's...
 - a neighbors.
 - b friends.
 - c colleagues.
 - 5 The man in the stall...
 - a took the photo.
 - b asked for more money for the photo.
 - c didn't like the photo.

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

democracy /dɪ'mɒkrəsi/
demonstration /dɛmən'streɪʃn/
election /ɪ'lekʃn/
freedom /'frɪdəm/
hold hands /hoʊld hændz/
peace /piːs/
realize /'riəlaɪz/
TV screens /ti 'vi skrinz/
upload /'ʌpləʊd/
screen saver /skrin 'sɜ:vər/

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Jenny What should we do this afternoon, Matt?

Matt I know! Let's take a look at that box of photos my

aunt ____ me yesterday... Here it is... Oh, look at that!

Jenny ____ 's that?

Matt That's my grandfather. And that's my grandmother ____ him on the right. She's the one in the flowery dress. It was just after they got married, before they ____ any children. My aunt told me all about this photo a few years ago.

Jenny So, where are they?

Matt Well, as you know my dad is Spanish. My grandparents ____ the center of Madrid, and this photo was taken in the district where they lived.

Jenny What's going on exactly?

Matt Well, there's a festival there called "La Paloma". It ____ in the middle of August every year, and it still happens now. There are lots of ____ selling food and also stalls where you can ____ a prize.

Jenny So, what was your grandfather trying to win?

Matt He was trying to win a ____ for my grandmother. He ____ at a target at the stall, and all those people ____ him.

Jenny Do you know any of the other people in the photo?

Matt No, I don't. But I think they all lived ____ my grandfather.

Jenny Who ____ the photo?

Matt The man at the stall. The photo was included in the price. You had three chances to hit the target, and you got the photo for free.

Jenny It's a great photo. I think your grandfather was very ____ !

Matt That's what everyone says!