

**Exam Unit 9 Grammar**

Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

arrive ask book cannot decide go (x2) look take want

## The holiday that wasn't

Four years ago, we <sup>1</sup> decided to go away for the weekend. We <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to go to Portugal, so we <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful apartment online. A week later, we <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi to the airport. We <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport at two o'clock, and we <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to check in. The woman at the desk <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ us for our passports. We <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in our bags, but we <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ find them. So we <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ home!

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).

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.



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



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



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



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



Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous.

Last summer I <sup>1</sup> went (go) to Los Angeles to stay with my cousin for a few weeks. One afternoon we <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) lunch in a nice restaurant in the centre of town when my cousin <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a call on her mobile phone and went outside to talk. While she <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to her friend, I suddenly <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (notice) a man in a black hat who <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) at the next table. It was the actor Johnny Depp! He was alone, and I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to take my chance. So I got up and <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to his table. 'Excuse me, could I have my photo taken with you?' I asked. He <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (say) yes, so I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) a waitress who <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) by and gave her my camera. She <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the photo of me and Johnny, I thanked them both, and then I returned to my table. When my cousin <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (come) back, I <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (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 <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at the man in the black hat – he <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (laugh) too.