

## 2B GRAMMAR past continuous

a Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with the past simple and past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



- I was sleeping when you sent me the message. (sleep, send)
- Susan                    around Italy when she                    her boyfriend. (travel, meet)
- We                    some old photos when we                    the house. (find, clean)

- They                    for the bus when they                    the accident. (wait, see)
- It                    to rain when they                    to school. (start, cycle)
- A dog                    into the road when I                    home. (run, drive)

b Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



Last summer, I <sup>1</sup>was living (live) in Hawaii. One Saturday morning, I <sup>2</sup>                   (wake up) early, and it <sup>3</sup>                   (be) a beautiful day. The sun <sup>4</sup>                   (shine), and I <sup>5</sup>                   (feel) really happy. I <sup>6</sup>                   (not need) to go to work that day, so I <sup>7</sup>                   (decide) to go surfing. Most of my friends <sup>8</sup>                   (work) and my girlfriend <sup>9</sup>                   (visit) her parents, so I <sup>10</sup>                   (go) to the beach alone. When I <sup>11</sup>                   (arrive), the beach <sup>12</sup>                   (be) already crowded. A lot of people <sup>13</sup>                   (sunbathe), children <sup>14</sup>                   (play) games and people <sup>15</sup>                   (swim) in the sea. Everyone <sup>16</sup>                   (enjoy) the lovely summer day. I <sup>17</sup>                   (put) my things down on the beach, and then I <sup>18</sup>                   (begin) walking to the sea with my surfboard. Suddenly, a man <sup>19</sup>                   (shout), 'Shark! Shark! Get out of the water!' At first, I <sup>20</sup>                   (not can) see anything, but then I <sup>21</sup>                   (see) a big shark. Luckily, it <sup>22</sup>                   (not attack) anyone and <sup>23</sup>                   (swim) away quickly. I <sup>24</sup>                   (not stay) at the beach after that, and I <sup>25</sup>                   (go) home without going surfing!

### ACTIVATION

**Test your memory.** Cover the sentences in a and look at the pictures. Try to remember the sentences.