

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, we¹ decided to go away for the weekend. We² arrived to go to Portugal, so we³ booked a beautiful apartment online. A week later, we⁴ took a taxi to the airport. We⁵ were looking at the airport at two o'clock, and we⁶ wanted to check in. The woman at the desk⁷ asked us for our passports. We⁸ put in our bags, but we⁹ couldn't find them. So we¹⁰ went 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 was snowing (snow) when our plane landed.
- 3 We weren't driving (not drive) fast when the accident happened.
- 4 What was he doing (he / do) when his boss arrived?
- 5 Why were you crying (you / cry) at the party?
- 6 I was sitting (sit) on the bus when I saw my boyfriend with another girl.
- 7 They were living (live) in New Zealand when their first child was born.
- 8 He didn't call you because his mobile phone wasn't working (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

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

_____.



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

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

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Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous.

Last summer I¹ went (go) to Los Angeles to stay with my cousin for a few weeks. One afternoon we² had (have) lunch in a nice restaurant in the centre of town when my cousin³ got (get) a call on her mobile phone and went outside to talk. While she⁴ was speaking (speak) to her friend, I suddenly⁵ noticed (notice) a man in a black hat who⁶ was sitting (sit) at the next table. It was the actor Johnny Depp! He was alone, and I⁷ decided (decide) to take my chance. So I got up and⁸ went (go) to his table. 'Excuse me, could I have my photo taken with you?' I asked. He⁹ said (say) yes, so I¹⁰ stopped (stop) a waitress who¹¹ was passing (pass) by and gave her my camera. She¹² took (take) the photo of me and Johnny, I thanked them both, and then I returned to my table. When my cousin¹³ came (come) back, I¹⁴ smiled (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!' I¹⁵ looked (look) at the man in the black hat – he¹⁶ was laughing (laugh) too.