



2B GRAMMAR PAST CONTINUOUS

a Look at the pictures and write the sentences. Use the simple past and past continuous.



1 She _____ the spider when she _____ some fruit. (see, buy)



2 His cell phone _____ when he _____. (ring, drive)



3 Neil _____ late when his boss _____ a speech. (arrive, make)



4 They _____ soccer when it _____ to rain. (play, start)



5 We _____ a party when I _____ this photo. (have, take)



6 We _____ the score when we _____ in Florida. (hear, travel)

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



When Alex Jones 1 _____ (arrive) at JFK International Airport, she 2 _____ (look) around, but she 3 _____ (not see) anybody there to meet her. A lot of people 4 _____ (hold) cards with names on them, but they 5 _____ (not wait) for her. She 6 _____ (not know) what to do, but it 7 _____ (be) a beautiful, sunny day, so she 8 _____ (decide) to go to the hotel on her own.

She 9 _____ (go) outside and 10 _____ (look) for a taxi. A lot of people 11 _____ (wait), so she 12 _____ (catch) the airport bus into New York City. The bus 13 _____ (stop) in Manhattan, near the hotel, and she 14 _____ (get) off.

She 15 _____ (walk) into the hotel and 16 _____ (give) her name, Alexandra Jones. She 17 _____ (talk) to the receptionist when suddenly a man 18 _____ (run) up to her. He 19 _____ (carry) a card that 20 _____ (read) "Mr. Jones". Ms. Jones? I'm terribly sorry! I 21 _____ (wait) for you at the airport, but I 22 _____ (think) you 23 _____ (be) a man!" "That's OK," 24 _____ (say) Alex. "It happens to me all the time!"