

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.



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

4 They for the bus when they the accident. (wait, see)
 5 It to rain when they to school. (start, cycle)
 6 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 ¹was living (live) in Hawaii. One Saturday morning, I ² (wake up) early, and it ³ (be) a beautiful day. The sun ⁴ (shine), and I ⁵ (feel) really happy. I ⁶ (not need) to go to work that day, so I ⁷ (decide) to go surfing. Most of my friends ⁸ (work) and my girlfriend ⁹ (visit) her parents, so I ¹⁰ (go) to the beach alone. When I ¹¹ (arrive), the beach ¹² (be) already crowded. A lot of people ¹³ (sunbathe), children

¹⁴ (play) games and people ¹⁵ (swim) in the sea. Everyone ¹⁶ (enjoy) the lovely summer day. I ¹⁷ (put) my things down on the beach, and then I ¹⁸ (begin) walking to the sea with my surfboard. Suddenly, a man ¹⁹ (shout), 'Shark! Shark! Get out of the water!' At first, I ²⁰ (not can) see anything, but then I ²¹ (see) a big shark. Luckily, it ²² (not attack) anyone and ²³ (swim) away quickly. I ²⁴ (not stay) at the beach after that, and I ²⁵ (go) home without going surfing!

ACTIVATION

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