

2B The story behind the photo

1 GRAMMAR past continuous

a Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses 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 boss.
- 7 They were living (live) in Brazil when their first child was born.
- 8 He didn't call you because his cell phone wasn't working (not work).

b Write sentences with *when*. Use the simple past and past continuous.

- 1 They / argue / the waiter / bring / the check

They were arguing when the waiter brought the check.



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

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

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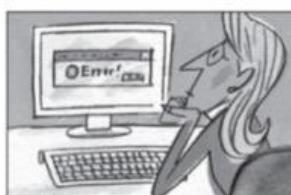
- 4 We / have / a barbecue / it / start / to rain

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

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c Complete the story with the simple past or past continuous.

Last summer, I ¹ went (go) to Los Angeles to stay with my cousin for a few weeks. One afternoon, we ² were having (have) lunch in a nice restaurant when my cousin ³ got (get) a call on her cell phone and went outside to talk. While she ⁴ was speaking (speak) to her friend, I suddenly ⁵ noticed (notice) a man in a black hat who ⁶ was sitting (sit) at the next table. It was the actor Johnny Depp! He was alone, and I ⁷ decided (decide) to take my chance. So I got up and ⁸ went (go) to his table. "Excuse me, could I have my photo taken with you?" I asked. He ⁹ said (say) yes, so I ¹⁰ stopped (stop) a waitress who ¹¹ was passing (pass) by and gave her my camera. She ¹² took (take) the photo of me and Johnny. I thanked them both, and then I returned to my table. When my cousin ¹³ came (come) back, I ¹⁴ smiled (smile). "Why are you looking so happy?" 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 ¹⁵ looked (look) at the man in the black hat – he ¹⁶ was laughing (laugh), too.