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Welcome to Opportunities for Serendipity English Course!



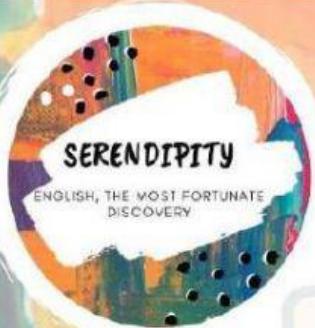
**Do you have a photo you really like?**

**The story behind the photo**

## 1 READING

a Look at a photo which news photographer Tom Piltz took in 2008.  
What do you think is happening?





b Read Tom's description of what happened on the night he took the photo. Were you right? [A moment in history](#)

c Read it again and answer the questions.

1. Why did Tom Pilstor go to Chicago?
2. Why couldn't he take a photograph of Obama?
3. What was the weather like?
4. Where did he take this photo?
5. Where could the people see the election results?
6. Was he sorry that he couldn't go inside the center?
7. What happened when Obama won?

d Why do you think the photographer thought his photo was better than a photo of Obama himself? Do you agree?

## 2 GRAMMAR; past continuous

a Look at the highlighted verbs in an extract from the text. Do they describe actions that happened ... ?

- after he took the photo
- at the same time as he took the photo

When I took this photo everybody **was** looking at the TV screens waiting for the election results. Some people **were** quietly holding hands and smiling - others **were** tense and nervous.

At 8.45 last Saturday I **was working** in my office.

I **wasn't doing** anything important.

My friends **were having** breakfast. They **weren't working**.

**A** **Was it raining** when you got up? **B** **No, it wasn't**.

**A** **What were you doing** at 11 o'clock last night? **B** **I was watching TV**.

- Use the past continuous to describe an action in progress at a specific moment in the past.
- We often use the past continuous to describe the situation at the beginning of a story or narrative.

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I		You	
He	<b>was working</b>	We	<b>were working</b>
She		They	
It			

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I		You	
He	<b>wasn't working</b>	We	<b>weren't working</b>
She		They	
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Was	he	<b>working?</b>	Yes, he <b>was</b> . / No, he <b>wasn't</b> .
Were	they	<b>working?</b>	Yes, they <b>were</b> . / No, they <b>weren't</b> .

**past simple or past continuous?**

I **was working** in my office when the boss **walked in**.

I **was having** lunch when my sister **arrived**.

- Use the past simple for a completed action in the past.
- Use the past continuous for an action in progress before or at the time of the past simple action

3 VOCABULARY; *at/in/on*

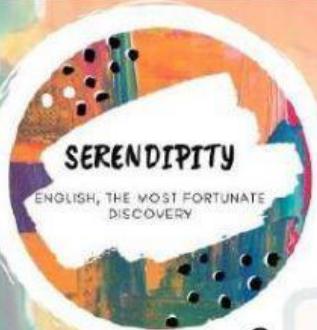
a Which preposition do you use before ... ?

- 1 a date (e.g. 4th November) .....
- 2 a time (e.g. 11 o'clock) .....
- 3 the morning, the afternoon, etc. .....
- 4 a room or building (e.g. the Convention Center) .....
- 5 a month (e.g. January) .....
- 6 home, work, school .....
- 7 the weekend .....

	Place	Time
1	<b>Countries and cities</b> France, Paris <b>Rooms</b> the kitchen  <b>Buildings</b> a shop, a museum <b>Closed spaces</b> a park, a garden a car	<b>Months</b> February, June <b>Seasons</b> (the) winter  <b>Years</b> 2011 <b>Times of day</b> the morning, the afternoon, the evening (not night)

2	<b>Transport</b> a bike, a bus, a train, a plane, a ship (not car)  <b>A surface</b> the floor, a table, a shelf, the balcony, the roof, the wall	<b>Dates</b> 1st March <b>Days</b> Tuesday, New Year's Day, Valentine's Day 
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3	school, home, work, university the airport, the station, a bus stop a party, the door 	<b>Times</b> 6 o'clock, half past two, 7.45 <b>Festival periods</b> Christmas, Easter night the weekend 
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Complete

- 1 I arrived ..... Paris on Friday night.
- 2 I was very tired when I arrived ..... the hotel.
- 3 I hate waiting ..... people who are late.
- 4 A What are you going to do ..... the weekend?  
B I don't know. It depends ..... the weather.
- 5 I'm sorry, but I really don't agree ..... you.
- 6 I asked ..... a chicken sandwich, but this is tuna!
- 7 Let's invite Debbie and Tim ..... the party.
- 8 Who's going to pay ..... the meal?
- 9 I need to speak ..... Martin ..... the meeting.
- 10 I don't spend much money ..... food.
- 11 Are you going to write ..... him soon?
- 12 Don't worry ..... the exam. It isn't very hard.
- 13 She fell ..... love ..... a man she met on the internet.
- 14 You're not listening! What are you thinking ..... ?
- 15 A What do you think ..... Shakira?  
B I really like her. I think she's great.

## 4 Pronunciation; sentence stress

Listen and repeat the dialogue. Copy the rhythm.

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A Where were you at six o'clock in the evening?

B I was at work.

A What were you doing?

B I was having a meeting with the boss.

b In pairs, take turns to answer the questions about yesterday.

6.30 a.m.      11.00 a.m.      lunchtime      4.00 p.m.

6.00 p.m.      10.00 p.m.      midnight

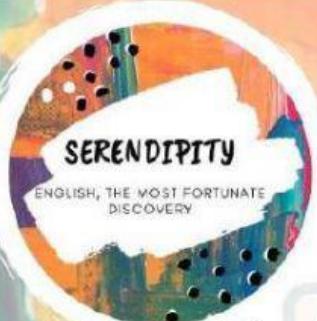
A Where were you  
at 4pm?



B I was at home.

A What were you  
doing?

B I was studying  
for my exams.



## 5 Listening; “The image that cost a fortune”

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a Look at a famous photo which was on the cover of many magazines around the world in the 1960s. Where do you think the people are? What do you think is happening?

b Read the beginning of a newspaper article. Why do you think it is called 'The image that cost a fortune'?

**I WELCOME  
A  
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W  
C  
B  
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C  
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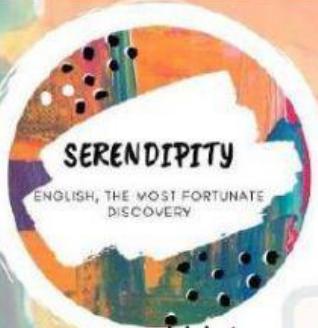
Caroline de Bendern was born in 1940. She was the granddaughter of count Maurice de Bendern, a rich aristocrat who owned a lot of property in Paris and Monaco. Although he had other grandchildren, the count decided to leave all his money to Caroline. 'I never knew why,' says Caroline. 'Perhaps because I was pretty.' He paid for her to go to very expensive schools in England, and he hoped that she would marry well, perhaps a member of a European royal family. But Caroline was a rebel. She went to New York and worked there for a short time as a model. Then, in 1968 when she was 28 years old she returned to Paris ...

ESTIMATED WEALTH OF 12 AMERICAN WIDOWS

NAME	ESTIMATED WEALTH
Mrs. E. H. INGERSOLL	\$1,000,000
Mrs. ROBERT BROWN	\$500,000
Mrs. J. B. BROWN	\$300,000
Mrs. J. B. BROWN	\$200,000
Mrs. J. B. BROWN	\$150,000
Mrs. J. B. BROWN	\$100,000
Mrs. J. B. BROWN	\$80,000
Mrs. J. B. BROWN	\$60,000
Mrs. J. B. BROWN	\$40,000
Mrs. J. B. BROWN	\$20,000
Mrs. J. B. BROWN	\$10,000
Mrs. J. B. BROWN	\$5,000

c Now listen to the woman in the photo talking about it. Were you right?

1.44



d Listen again. Choose a, b or c.

1. In 1968 she....

- wasn't interested in politics
- was a communist
- was an anarchist

2. She loved the atmosphere because all the students were fighting for....

- peace
- democracy
- freedom

3. She was sitting on a friend's shoulders...

- because she was tired
- to take photos
- so that she could see better

4. She was carrying the flag because ...

- she was a leader in the demonstration
- somebody gave it to her
- she brought it with her

5. Her grandfather died six .... later.

- days
- weeks
- months