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Photographs are pictures taken to please the family and bore the neighbors.
*Edmund Vollart, American sociologist*

# 2 B A moment in time

## 1 GRAMMAR past continuous

a Complete the sentences. Use the past continuous.

1 I *was sleeping* (sleep) on my friend's sofa when his mother came home.

2 What _____ (you / talk) about when I came in?

3 He didn't call you because his cell phone _____ (not / work).

4 They _____ (live) in Sydney when their first child was born.

5 I'm sorry, _____ (you / watch) that program?

6 We _____ (walk) along the beach when we saw a snake.

7 She _____ (not / drive) when the car hit the tree. I was.

8 It _____ (snow) when they arrived in Beijing.

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

1 They / play tennis / start / rain

*They were playing tennis when it started to rain.*

2 He / break / his leg / ski

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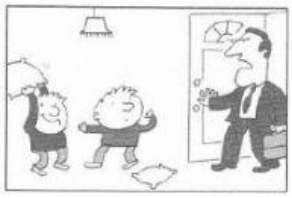

3 The boys / fight / their father / come home

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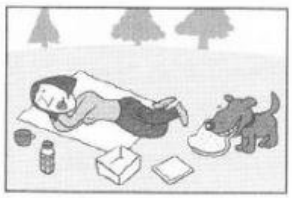

4 A dog / eat / my sandwich / I / sleep / in the park

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5 We / study / in the library / the fire / start

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c Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

Last summer I [1] *went* (go) to Los Angeles to stay with my cousin for a few weeks. One afternoon we [2] _____ (have) lunch in a nice restaurant in a fashionable part of town when my cousin [3] _____ (get) a call on her cell phone and went outside to talk.

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While she 4_____ (talk) on the phone, I suddenly 5_____ (notice) a man in a black hat who 6_____ (sit) at the next table. It was the actor Johnny Depp! He was alone, and I 7_____ (decide) to take a chance. So I got up and 8_____ (go) to his table. "Excuse me, could I have my photo taken with you?" I asked. He 9_____ (say) yes, so I 10_____ (stop) a waitress who 11_____ (pass) by and gave her my camera. She 12_____ (take) the photo of Johnny and me. I thanked them both, and then I returned to my table. When my cousin 13_____ (come) back, I 14_____ (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!" I 15_____ (look) at the man in the black hat – he 16_____ (laugh), too.

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## 2 VOCABULARY *at, in, on*

a Place. Complete the sentences with *at, in,* or *on.*

1 We'll meet you *at* the bus stop.

2 I often listen to music ___ my car.

3 ___ my room I have a poster ___ the wall and a photo of my parents ___ the table by my bed.

4 My family is from Recife, but we live ___ Rio.

5 She's not ___ home. She's ___ work.

6 There's some sugar ___ the top shelf ___ the cabinet.

7 They swam ___ the lake and then went for a walk ___ the park.

8 There's a post office ___ the end of this block.

b Time. Complete the sentences with *at, in, on,* or nothing.

1 Let's meet next Saturday *at* 3:00.

2 I hate driving ___ night, getting up early ___ the morning, and working ___ weekends.

3 Our flight is leaving ___ Monday at 7:30 ___ the evening and arriving ___ noon ___ Tuesday.

4 We have a test ___ Friday ___ the afternoon.

5 In most countries, banks and offices are closed ___ New Year's Day.

6 Computers were invented ___ the 20th century.

7 Albert Einstein was born ___ March 14, 1879 in Germany, and he died ___ 1955 in the US.

8 We went to Acapulco ___ March, and we're going again ___ the summer.

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