Grammar

a. Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses in the past continuous.

1. You _____ *(laugh)* when I took the photo.
2. It _____ *(snow)* when our plane landed.
3. We _____ *(not drive)* fast when the accident happened.
4. What _____ *(he / do)* when his boss arrived ?
5. Why _____ *(you / cry)* at the party ?
6. I _____ *(sit)* on the bus when I saw my boss.
7. They _____ *(live)* in Brazil when their first child was born.
8. He didn't call you because his cellphone _____ *(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. The children / play / video games / the guests / arrive

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3. We / have / a barbecue / it / start / to rain

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4. 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 _____ *(go)* to Los Angeles to stay with my cousin for a few weeks. One afternoon, we _____ *(have)* lunch in a nice restaurant when my cousin _____ *(get)* a call on her cell phone and went outside to talk. While she _____ *(speak)* to her friend, I suddenly _____ *(notice)* a man in a black hat who _____ (sit) at the next table. It was the actor Johnny Depp ! He was alone, and I _____ *(decide)* to take my change. So, I got up and _____ *(go)* to his table. « Excuse me, could I have my photo taken with you? I asked. He _____ *(say)* yes, so I _____ *(stop)* a waitress who _____ *(pass)* by and gave her my camera. She _____ *(take)* the photo of me and Johnny. I thanked them both, and then I returned to my table. When my cousin _____ *(come)* back, I _____ *(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 _____ *(look)* at the man in the black hat – he _____ *(laugh)*, too.