

Exam Unit 9 Grammar

Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

arrive ask book cannot decide go (x2) look take want

The holiday that wasn't

Four years ago, we ¹ decided to go away for the weekend. We ² _____ to go to Portugal, so we ³ _____ a beautiful apartment online. A week later, we ⁴ _____ a taxi to the airport. We ⁵ _____ at the airport at two o'clock, and we ⁶ _____ to check in. The woman at the desk ⁷ _____ us for our passports. We ⁸ _____ in our bags, but we ⁹ _____ find them. So we ¹⁰ _____ home!

Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the past continuous.

- 1 You were laughing (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 boyfriend with another girl.
- 7 They _____ (live) in New Zealand when their first child was born.
- 8 He didn't call you because his mobile phone _____ (not work).

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

- 1 They / argue / the waiter / bring / the bill.

They were arguing when the waiter brought the bill.



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

_____.



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

_____.



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

_____.



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

_____.



Complete the story with the past simple 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 _____ (have) lunch in a nice restaurant in the centre of town when my cousin ³ _____ (get) a call on her mobile phone and went outside to talk. While she ⁴ _____ (speak) to her friend, 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 my 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 me and Johnny, 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.