

2B GRAMMAR past continuous

a Look at the pictures and write the sentences. Use the simple past and past continuous.



1 She saw the spider when she was buying some fruit. (see, buy)

2 His cell phone _____ when he _____. (ring, drive)



3 Neil _____ late when his boss _____ a speech. (arrive, make)



4 They _____ soccer when it _____ to rain. (play, start)



5 We _____ a party when I _____ this photo. (have, take)

6 We _____ the score when we _____ in Florida. (hear, travel)



b Complete the story with the simple past or past continuous of the verbs in parentheses.



When Alex Jones ¹arrived (arrive) at JFK International Airport, she ²_____ (look) around, but she ³_____ (not see) anybody there to meet her. A lot of people ⁴_____ (hold) cards with names on them, but they ⁵_____ (not wait) for her. She ⁶_____ (not know) what to do, but it ⁷_____ (be) a beautiful, sunny day, so she ⁸_____ (decide) to go to the hotel on her own. She ⁹_____ (go) outside and ¹⁰_____ (look) for a taxi. A lot of people ¹¹_____ (wait), so she ¹²_____ (catch) the airport bus into New York City. The bus ¹³_____ (stop) in Manhattan, near the hotel, and she ¹⁴_____ (get) off. She ¹⁵_____ (walk) into the hotel and ¹⁶_____ (give) her name, Alexandra Jones. She ¹⁷_____ (talk) to the receptionist when suddenly a man ¹⁸_____ (run) up to her. He ¹⁹_____ (carry) a card that ²⁰_____ (read) "Mr. Jones". "Ms. Jones? I'm terribly sorry! I ²¹_____ (wait) for you at the airport, but I ²²_____ (think) you ²³_____ (be) a man!" "That's OK," ²⁴_____ (say) Alex. "It happens to me all the time!"