

## 2B GRAMMAR past continuous

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



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

2 His mobile \_\_\_\_\_ when he \_\_\_\_\_ . (ring, drive)



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

4 They \_\_\_\_\_ football when it \_\_\_\_\_ to rain. (play, start)



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



6 We \_\_\_\_\_ the result when we \_\_\_\_\_ in France. (hear, travel)



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



When Alex Jones <sup>1</sup>arrived (arrive) at JFK International Airport, she <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (look) around, but she <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not see) anybody there to meet her. A lot of people <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (hold) cards with names on them, but they <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not wait) for her. She <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not know) what to do, but it <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a beautiful, sunny day, so she <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to go to the hotel on her own.

She <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (go) outside and <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (look) for a taxi. A lot of people <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (wait), so she <sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (catch) the airport bus into New York. The bus <sup>13</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (stop) in Manhattan, quite near the hotel, and she <sup>14</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (get) off. She <sup>15</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into the hotel and <sup>16</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (give) her name, Alexandra Jones. She

<sup>17</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to the receptionist when suddenly a man <sup>18</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (run) up to her.

He <sup>19</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (carry) a card which <sup>20</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (read) 'Mr Jones'.

'Ms Jones? I'm terribly sorry! I <sup>21</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for you at the airport, but I <sup>22</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (think) you <sup>23</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a man!'

'That's OK,' <sup>24</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (say) Alex. 'It happens to me all the time!'

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c Cover sentences 1–6 in a. Look at the pictures and remember the sentences.

## SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 2B

A)

2.- rang ... was driving

3- arrived ... was make

4.- were playing ... started

5.- were having ... took

6.- heard ... were traveling

B)

2.- looked

3.- didn't see

4.- were holding

5.- weren't wait

6.- didn't know

7.- was

8.- decide

9.- went

10.- looked

11.- were waiting

12.- caught

13.- stopped

14.- got

15.- walked

16.- gave

17.- was talking

18.- ran

19.- was carrying

20.- read

21.- was waiting

22.- thought

23.- were

24.- said