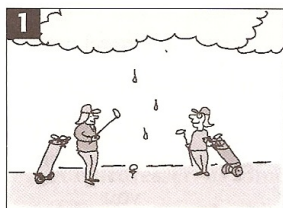


## GRAMMAR: PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS

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



1 They were playing golf when it started to rain. (play, start)

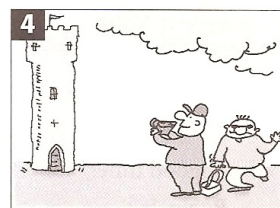
2 His mobile \_\_\_\_\_ when he \_\_\_\_\_. (ring, drive)

3 We \_\_\_\_\_ the news when we \_\_\_\_\_ in Corsica. (hear, sunbathe)

4 He \_\_\_\_\_ at the tower when someone \_\_\_\_\_ his bag. (look, take)

5 I \_\_\_\_\_ a coffee when I \_\_\_\_\_ her. (have, see)

6 She \_\_\_\_\_ an accident when she \_\_\_\_\_ to the shops. (see, walk)



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

**ARRIVALS**

When Alex Jones <sup>1</sup> arrived 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 her 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 hotel receptionist when suddenly a man <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (run) up to her. He <sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (carry) a card which <sup>20</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (say) '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!'