ENGLISH A2 · UNIT 3 · READING Name: _____ Date: _____

Reading: A bad day at the station

Focus: reading a first-person story: past continuous, past simple with when / while, story adverbs

A bad day at the station, by Nina

Last Tuesday I was standing at the station at eight o'clock. It was raining and I was late for work. I was buying a coffee when I noticed a man in a grey jacket. He was standing next to me. Suddenly, he took my bag from the ground and ran. I shouted 'Stop! Thief!', but he escaped quickly across the road.

At first I was very upset. My wallet, my keys and my phone were in the bag. A police officer came immediately and asked me a lot of questions. 'Where were you standing? What was the man wearing?' I answered slowly and carefully. Luckily, the story ended happily. While I was speaking to him, the thief fell over on the wet stairs. He dropped the bag and two police officers caught him. In the end I was two hours late for work, but my boss understood.

1 Read the story. True or false?

1. It was raining at the station. ☐ T ☐ F
2. Nina was buying a ticket when she noticed the man. ☐ T ☐ F
3. The man was wearing a grey jacket. ☐ T ☐ F
4. Nina's phone was at home. ☐ T ☐ F
5. The thief escaped on a bike. ☐ T ☐ F
6. Nina was late for work in the end. ☐ T ☐ F

2 Answer the questions about the story.

Example: Where was Nina at eight o'clock? → She was at the station.

1. What was Nina doing when she noticed the man?

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2. What did the man take?

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3. Who came immediately?

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4. How late was Nina for work?

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ANSWER KEY

1 1 T, 2 F, 3 T, 4 F, 5 F, 6 T **2** 1 She was buying a coffee. | 2 He took her bag. | 3 A police officer came immediately. | 4 She was two hours late.

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