

Let's party

Past Continuous & Past Simple with when and while

Name _____ Class _____ No. _____

• Past Continuous Tense & Past Simple Tense

1. Complete the gaps in Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1. While he _____ (take) a shower, his dogs _____ (eat) his steaks.
2. He _____ (hear) a loud bang while he _____ (talk) to his friend.
3. While Henry _____ (have) a drink at the bar, his wife _____ (swim) in the sea.
4. When I _____ (open) the door, it _____ (rain).
5. While the children _____ (sleep), their parents _____ (watch) TV.
6. When they _____ (leave) the museum, the sun _____ (shine).
7. It _____ (start) to rain while she _____ (water) the flower in the garden.
8. The students _____ (play) cards when the teacher _____ (come) in.
9. Last night I _____ (read) in the bed when I suddenly _____ (hear) a scream.
10. Ann _____ (wait) for me when I _____ (arrive).

2. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous. Type the completed sentences into the box.

1. While I (drive), I (have) an accident.

2. Kate (have) dinner and then she (do) her homework.

3. Alan (look) out of the window when he (see) a UFO.

4. While we (clean) the house, we (break) some glasses.

5. Sam (plan) a party and then he (phone) his friends.

6. The thieves (hide) in the kitchen when the police (come) in.

Complete the story. Use the verbs in brackets to make the past simple and past continuous tense.

Dog on the Road

Every day James Lullaby travels to London. Yesterday he [] (drive) his car, when he [] (see) a dog in the middle of the road. The dog [] (watch) the car closely when it [] (appear). James [] (stop) and [] (get) out of his car carefully. As he [] (get) out, the dog [] (run) away from him. James [] (go) back to his car and [] (open) the front door. While he [] (get) in the car, the dog [] (approach) it again and [] (sit) down in the middle of the road. James [] (start) the engine, but the dog [] (not move). James [] (jump) out of the car and [] (shout) at the dog. The dog [] (bark) at him and [] (start) to run. James [] (follow) the dog while it [] (run) in front of him. Suddenly, he [] (see) two girls lying on the grass. They [] (bleed). James [] (take) out his mobile phone and [] (make) an emergency call. As he [] (try) to call the emergency, he [] (notice) that there was no signal. 'OK, doggy,' [] (say) James. 'Where is the nearest hospital?'

• When & While

3. Complete the gaps with **when** or **while**.

1. I saw him [] I was being on my way home.
2. [] Jane was taking a bath, the phone rang three times
3. It was raining [] I got up this morning.
4. [] I was speaking, they were thinking of something else!
5. [] the teacher came into the classroom, some students were arguing with each other.
6. I arrived home, [] all the guests were having tea and biscuits.
7. [] Sue was waiting for the 12 o'clock train, she met an old friend.
8. The people were having a large breakfast, [] the doorbell rang.
9. What were you doing [] the teacher looked at you suddenly.
10. The electricity went off, [] we were watching a horror film.
11. [] Mathew was going to the library, he saw a car accident on Mapple Street.
12. [] the mother was doing the washing up, the twins were sweeping the floor.
13. Mr. Robinson fell off the tree [] He was looking at the little bird's nest.
14. The old lady was trying to cross the street [] a boy offered help.
15. The children were playing tennis [] their grandmother called them for lunch.