3.PAST SIMPLE & PAST CONTINUOUS WITH WHEN – WHILE

Past simple: S + V-ed/V2 (for a past action which interupted it)

Past continuous: S + was/were + V-ing. (for a past action in progress (longer action)

When S + V-ed/V2, S + was/were + V-ing.

While S + was/were + V-ing, S + V-ed/V2.

S + was/were + V-ing **when** S + V-ed/V2.

S + V-ed/V2 **while** S + was/were + V-ing

PRACTICE

Choose the best answers to complete the sentences.

1. While we_____ information for our presentation last month, we discovered that lots of people in our neighborhood needed help.

A. were collecting B. are collecting C. collect D. collected

2. When we visited Mrs Lan this morning, she _____her lunch.

A. is preparing B. was preparing C. has prepared D. prepares

3. She told us her life story while we_____ her tidy the house.

A. are helping B. have helped C. were helping D. help

4. While we were cleaning her kitchen, we_____ a knock at the door. It was another old lady who lived next door.

A. are hearing B. were hearing C. hear D. heard

5. We_____ to help old people clean their houses while we were talking to them later that day.

A. are deciding B. were deciding C. decided D. decide

6. While we _____ at the food bank, we met an old friend.

A. were helping B. are helping C. help D. helped

7. An old lady came to us and asked for help while we_____ at the bus stop.

A. are waiting B. have waited C. were waiting D. wait

8. When we came to the local orphanage, all the children there_____ their dinner.

A. are having B. were having C. have had D. have

9. While Lan (work)_____as a volunteer in the countryside, she met an old friend.

A. is working B. was working C. have worked D. worked

10. An old lady came to us and asked for help while we _____ at the bus stop.

A. are waiting B. were wating C. wait D. waited

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