

Prétérit en Be + ing (Past continuous)

➔ Il se forme à l'aide de l'auxiliaire conjugué au
suivi de la à laquelle j'ajoute

➔ Je l'utilise pour décrire une action
à un moment donné du

➔ Lorsque deux ou plusieurs actions se déroulaient de manière simultanée, j'utilise
l'équivalent du français 'pendant que' :

➔ Je peux l'associer au lorsqu'une action
soudaine est venue perturber, modifier ou interrompre l'action

Pour introduire l'action soudaine, j'utilise quand
soudain tout à coup

Ex 1. Put the sentence in the correct order to tell the story.

- A. I went to see my grandma. While we were telling her the story she started to smile.
- B. 'That's my grandma,' he said. He was looking at a picture of my grandma.
- C. Last Friday something very strange happened to me.
- D. 'Your grandma is my sister' she said to the boy. 'I lost her address many years ago when she moved. I didn't know she was living here !'
- E. I was looking at some photos on the bus when a boy spoke to me.
- F. 'No, sorry,' I said. 'It isn't.' But the boy was sure that the woman was his grandma.

Ex 2- a) Cela se passait hier matin à 8 heures. Indique ce qu'ils faisaient tous à ce moment là en commençant par Susie.



(have breakfast)



(Feed the cat)



(walk the dog)

b) Last Monday during morning break :



John-Ted-Bob

Phil-Joe-Liz

the girls

hurling

Ex 3 . Choose the right form. Use the verbs into brackets and write the sentences.

We (play) football when it (start) to rain.

When I (get up), the sun (shine)

While I (sleep) someone (knock) at the door.

They (have) breakfast suddenly they (hear) a shot.

He (talk) to a tourist when someone (steal) his wallet.

They (have) a biology test when all of a sudden the fire alarm (go) off.

We (get) dinner ready when we (hear) about the lockdown.

Yes, but you (call) me on the fixed telephone while I (talk) on my mobile.

What (you/do) when I (ring) the bell ?

While (do) the shopping I (meet) my uncle.

What (he/ say) when she (interrupt) him ?

(It/ rain) when you (go) out ?

Yes, I (see) him ! He (wear) a blue sweater and brown trousers.

He (chat) when the computer (catch) fire.

Ex 4. Look at the pictures and complete :

What were they doing yesterday at 5 p.m.? Then what happened?



have a shower



open the door



scream



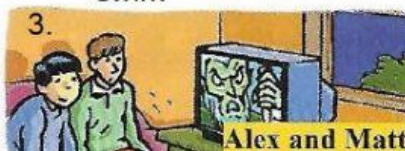
swim



steal her clothes



go home in her bikini



watch a horror film



appear at the window



lock the door



sleep



have a nightmare



wake up and cry



take a walk



jump over the fence



climb up a tree

1. While Marion
the door and she

someone

2. Alice
then she

suddenly someone

3. Alex and Matt

when all of a sudden a man

so they

4. Emma

when

and

5. Paul

but suddenly a dog

so he

Ex 4. How would you say... ?

1. Je n'ai pas vu l'accident parce que je lisais le journal quand c'est arrivé.
2. Tom marchait dans la rue quand soudain il a trouvé un portefeuille. (*a wallet*)
3. Est-ce que tu regardais la télé quand je t'ai téléphoné (e) ?
4. Pendant que j'écoutais de la musique, ma mère préparait le dîner.
5. Que faisait-il quand le policier est arrivé ?
6. Qu'est-ce qu'il a fait quand le policier est arrivé ?