

'when' + short action (past simple tense)
'while' + long action (past continuous tense)

I was watching TV when Jim **knocked** the door.

	I was watching TV	when	Jim knocked the door.
When	Jim knocked the door	,	I was watching TV
	Jim knocked the door	while	I was watching TV
While	I was watching TV	,	Jim knocked the door

Past simple & Past Continuous

1) Read the sentences. Circle the correct option.

- 1- Last Saturday night I **set** / **was setting** the table when my friends **arrived** / **were arriving**.

- 2- While we **watched** / **were watching** a movie the doorbell **rang** / **was ringing**.

- 3- The phone **rang** / **was ringing** while my sister **had** / **was having** a bath.

- 4- Jason and I **played** / **were playing** on the computer when his Dad **came** / **was coming** to pick him up.

- 5- Jimmy and Susie **fixed** / **were fixing** their bikes when Grandpa **brought** / **was bringing** new ones!

Complete the sentences using either the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

1- When my grandparents came to visit, I a thief got into the shop

2- While Dad was cleaning the kitchen, mom was washing the car in the garage.

3- While I was doing the dishes, the cat jumped over the clean cups.

4- When it started to rain, the children was still sleeping.

5-When Jane and Tom were in the bookshop, Were playing rugby outside.