

26 When clauses

I can recognize and use **when** to join clauses.



We use **when** as a conjunction to join two actions. The **when** clause can be the first or second clause in a sentence. If the **when** clause comes first in a sentence, it is followed by a comma.

*1 Use the prompts to write sentences. Add **when** or a comma.

- John saw his friends / he waved and shouted
When John saw his friends, he waved and shouted.

- 1 the rain stopped / they started playing football
When _____
- 2 we went to Italy / we had a lot of ice cream
When _____
- 3 Sara was tired / she got off the train
Sara _____
- 4 we cheered / the show finished
We _____
- 5 my dad went to school / he had to wear a uniform
When _____

*2 Match the first clause of the sentences 1–4 with the second clause a–e.

- When I was a baby e
- 1 You didn't do any work _____
 - 2 She didn't like coffee _____
 - 3 When we lived in France _____
 - 4 When he started the piano _____
- a he was very bad at it.
b I spoke French every day.
c when you were on holiday.
d when she was young.
e I couldn't walk or talk.