

Two simultaneous actions with *while*



While I was reading a book, Jack was listening to music.

Language focus

Words such as **and** and **but** are **conjunctions**. They connect words, phrases and parts of a sentence. **While** is a conjunction. Use it to talk about two actions happening simultaneously (which means 'at the same time').

While I was chatting to my friend, my dog was running after a ball.

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Correct the sentences.

1 While I were doing my homework, my brothers were watching a film.

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2 While my father was writing an email, my sister is talking on the phone.

3 While I play a computer game, my mother was making a cup of tea.

4 While was Jane swimming, we were playing tennis on the beach.

5 While I am studying for my Science test, my friends were at the cinema.

6 While Marco and Otto are watching the football match, I was reading a book.

2 Complete the sentences with a verb from the box in the past continuous form.

talk drink cut play **read** sleep

- 1 While I was reading about volcanoes, Mum was painting.
- 2 While Mum was doing that, our cat _____ soundly under a tree.
- 3 While the cat was doing that, my brother and sister _____ football.
- 4 While my brother and sister were doing that, Grandma _____ a cup of tea.
- 5 While Grandma was doing that, Grandpa _____ to Uncle Caspar.
- 6 While Grandpa was doing that, Dad _____ the grass.

3 Make sentences using the information in the table.

While	I	watch a film	my brother	sleep
	my friends	play basketball	my grandma	read a book
	my teacher	send a text message	I	wash the dishes
	my sister	play computer games	my friend	drink a glass of water
	my mum and dad	sit in the garden	my dog	play the guitar
	my cousin	eat a sandwich	my grandpa	run in the garden

- 1 While I was playing basketball, my dog was running in the garden.

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4 Write sentences with *while* using the following verbs: *play, watch, do, eat, study, read*.

- 1 While I was reading about a flood, my friend was reading about an avalanche.

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