

ENGLISH INTERACTIVE WORKSHEET

Topic: Simple Past vs. Past Continuous (When & While) | Theme: My First Snorkeling

Quick Grammar Guide:

- **WHEN + Simple Past** (Short action / interrupting action): *I was swimming when I saw a sea turtle.*
- **WHILE + Past Continuous** (Long action / ongoing action): *While I was floating on the water, my brother dropped his camera.*

PART A: Cloze Text - My First Snorkeling Experience

Instructions: Complete the text by putting the verbs in brackets into Simple Past or Past Continuous. Use 'when' or 'while' where indicated.

Last summer, my family and I went to Lombok for a holiday. It was my first time trying snorkeling. On the first morning, (1. while / when) _____ we (2. sail) _____ to the coral reef, the weather was bright and warm. The boat captain (3. prepare) _____ our life jackets when my sister suddenly (4. point) _____ at a dolphin near our boat. While everyone (5. watch) _____ the dolphin, I (6. put on) _____ my fins and life jacket carefully.

When we finally arrived at the reef spot, I jumped into the crystal-clear water. While I (7. float) _____ gently on the surface, a school of colorful clownfish (8. swim) _____ right beneath me. I (9. feel) _____ amazed! However, (10. while / when) _____ I was taking pictures with an underwater camera, a big wave (11. hit) _____ me and I almost lost my balance. Luckily, my guide (12. hold) _____ my hand when the wave (13. push) _____ us back toward the boat.

Later, while my father (14. dive) _____ a little deeper to see the giant clam, my mother (15. record) _____ him from above. Suddenly, a beautiful sea turtle (16. appear) _____ (17. while / when) _____ we were admiring the corals. We (18. follow) _____ the turtle quietly until it disappeared. While we (19. head) _____ back to the shore, everyone (20. talk) _____ happily about our unforgettable underwater adventure.

PART B: Clause Connector - Combining Sentences

Instructions: Combine Clause A and Clause B using 'WHEN' or 'WHILE' to form one correct compound sentence.

- [Clause A: I was adjusting my snorkel mask.] [Clause B: My dad dropped his underwater camera.]
Combined: _____
- [Clause A: The colorful parrotfish swam into a small cave.] [Clause B: We were observing the coral reef.]
Combined: _____
- [Clause A: My sister was swimming towards the boat.] [Clause B: A gentle sea turtle swam past her.]
Combined: _____
- [Clause A: The boat captain shouted for us to get back on board.] [Clause B: It started to rain heavily.]
Combined: _____
- [Clause A: I was resting on the floating ring.] [Clause B: A friendly instructor offered me coconut water.]
Combined: _____
- [Clause A: The tourists were taking photos of the starfish.] [Clause B: A sudden ocean current moved their boat.]
Combined: _____
- [Clause A: I noticed a tiny blue sea star on the seabed.] [Clause B: I was snorkeling near the shallow shore.]
Combined: _____
- [Clause A: My feet touched a soft patch of sand.] [Clause B: I was kicking my fins downwards.]
Combined: _____

PART C: Sentence Reconstruction - Unscramble the Words

Instructions: Rearrange the jumbled words into grammatically correct sentences about snorkeling.

29. Words: [while / sea urchin / was / I / swimming / spotted / I / a / near the rock .]

Sentence: _____

30. Words: [when / water / entered / the / was / smiling / guide / we .]

Sentence: _____

31. Words: [snorkeling gear / they / were / checking / when / called / captain / the / them .]

Sentence: _____

32. Words: [floated / coral / while / over / my brother / the / was / taking / photos .]

Sentence: _____

33. Words: [a giant stingray / appeared / were / we / while / near the sandy seabed / diving .]

Sentence: _____

34. Words: [when / dropped / she / her waterproof bag / was / climbing / the ladder / she .]

Sentence: _____

PART D: Error Identification & Sentence Choice

Instructions: Identify the grammatical error or select the correct sentence pair.

Identify and correct the mistake in each underlined sentence (35-37):

35. Incorrect: While I was swimming, I *was seeing* a red starfish on the coral reef.

Correction: _____

36. Incorrect: The sun shone brightly when we *was getting* ready to jump into the sea.

Correction: _____

37. Incorrect: When my brother *was dive*, he dropped his blue snorkel mask.

Correction: _____

Choose the grammatically CORRECT sentence (Tick A or B) (38-40):

38.

- ☐ A. While the boat was anchored, we jumped into the clear blue water.
- ☐ B. While the boat anchored, we were jumping into the clear blue water.

39.

- ☐ A. When I saw the jelly fish, I was swimming as fast as I could back to the boat.
- ☐ B. When I was seeing the jelly fish, I swam as fast as I could back to the boat.

40.

- ☐ A. My family smiled while the photographer took our underwater picture.
- ☐ B. My family was smiling while the photographer was taking our underwater picture.