9 Read the information.

- We can also use *while* before the past continuous when we talk about something that happened while another action was in progress.
  While we were watching TV, the phone rang.
- Be careful! We use:
  when + past simple:
  When the phone rang, we were watching TV.
  while + past continuous:
  While we were watching TV, the phone rang.

10 Circle the correct answer.

1 I was doing my homework when / while my father came home.
2 When / While we were watching TV, the lights went out.
3 When / While you were sleeping, Dave phoned.
4 Ben was walking home from school when / while he found €10 in the street.
5 I was writing an email to a friend when / while my parents came back.
6 When / While I was talking to Sarah, Tim walked into the room.

11 Complete with the past simple or past continuous.

1 I *was reading* (read) a book when I *heard* (hear) a strange noise.
2 While we ..... (swim), it ..... (start) to rain.
3 I ..... (get) ready for the party when my friend ..... (phone) me.
4 We ..... (shop) when we ..... (see) them.
5 While they ..... (drive) down Green Street, the police ..... (stop) them.
6 I ..... (find) this key while I ..... (tidy) my room.
7 My father and I ..... (play) chess when my cousins ..... (arrive).
8 My mum ..... (have) tea with her friend when I ..... (arrive).

12 Complete with one word.

1 A: What [1] *were* you doing [2] ..... I called you last night?
Were [3] ..... watching TV?
B: No. I [4] ..... trying to finish my homework. And my brother and his friend [5] ..... playing the drums! It was awful!

2 A: [6] ..... it raining [7] ..... you left the house this afternoon?
B: No, but it [8] ..... raining when we came out of the cinema. And we [9] .....n't have an umbrella!
A: [10] ..... did you do?
B: I called my mum. She came and picked us up.

3 A: I [11] ..... playing football yesterday [12] ..... I saw a snake in our garden.
B: [13] ..... it hiding in the grass?
A: No, it [14] ..... . It was sleeping under my bike!
B: [15] ..... you scream!
A: [16] ....., I did!

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