Complete the sentences with *while* or *when*.

1. We were playing basketball _____ it began to rain.
2. The dog was barking _____ we were sleeping.
3. I was watching TV _____ she called.
4. _____ the phone rang, she was writing a letter.
5. _____ we were having the picnic, it started to rain.
6. What were you doing _____ the earthquake started?
7. You were not listening to me _____ I told you to turn the oven off.
8. _____ John was sleeping last night, someone stole his car.
9. I was just getting into the bath_____ the telephone rang.
10. Were you listening _____ he was talking?
11. _____ Ellen was reading, Tim was watching television.
12. _____ she came home from school she really didn't look well

Complete the text with past simple or past continuous

A lorry driver _____ **(drive)** 200 penguins to London Zoo when his lorry _____ **(break)** down on the motorway. The driver _____ **(get)** out of the cab and _____ **(look)** at the engine when a second lorry driver _____ **(stop)** in front of him and _____ **(ask)** if he _____ **(need)** help.

The penguins' driver _____ **(explain)** that he _____ **(take)** the penguins to the zoo and _____ **(ask)** if the other man would take the penguins there. He _____**(agreed).**



Today _____ **(not be)** not a good day. First of all, my alarm clock _____ **(not ring)**. Then, while I _____ **(have)** a shower, my dad _____ **(go)** to work so I had to walk to school. It _____ **(rain)** and I got very wet. When I _____ **(walk)** into class everyone _____ **(study)** hard and in silence. The teacher _____ **(look)** at me and said, 'Good afternoon John. How nice of you to join us. 'Everyone _____ **(laugh)**. I _____ **(be)** so embarrassed.

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