

Difference between Past Simple and Continuous. Linking words When and While.

Carefully(!) read what you have to do in each task.

1- Write "When" or "While"! Remember that Past Simple comes after "When" and Past Continuous comes after "While".

1. I was reading a book suddenly I heard a noise.
2. Her husband went to work Rose was cooking dinner.
3. Sandra and Kathy were talking in the living-room, the doorbell rang.
4. Ben was playing in a basketball team he was a kid.
5. Sharon came home her brother was playing video games.
6. Angela got home, she was making some coffee.
7. They were sleeping the burglars broke in.
8. We were having a lesson we heard a terrible noise.
9. I was cycling, the rain started.
10. He broke his arm he was playing basketball

2- Write the correct form of the verbs! Remember that Past Simple comes after "When" and Past Continuous comes after "While".

- 1- She met him **while** she _____ (travel) on a train.
- 2- **While** the woman was getting off the bus, she _____ (fall down).
- 3- The thief _____ (break) into the house **while** we were sleeping.
- 4- John took a photo **while** I _____ (not/look).
- 5- **While** my mum was working in the garden, she _____ (hurt) her back.
- 6- We were living in Madrid **when** our old aunt _____ (die).
- 7- **When** I got up this morning, it _____ (rain) heavily.
- 8- **While** my dad was brushing his teeth, my mom _____ (fall asleep).
- 9- I saw a nightmare **while** I _____ (sleep) last night.
- 10- What happened in your dream **while** a monster _____ (chase) you?

3- Write the correct form of the verbs! Remember that Past Simple comes after "When" and Past Continuous comes after "While".

- 1- I _____ (study) History **when** my friends _____ (come) around.
- 2- **While** Susan _____ (walk) in the street, she _____ (meet) an old friend.
- 3- Her baby _____ (wake) up **while** she _____ (clean) the house.
- 4- He _____ (work) **when** her wife _____ (phone) him.
- 5- The students _____ (have) a test **when** the storm _____ (start).
- 6- We _____ (see) a falling star **while** we _____ (go) fishing in the lake.
- 7- Susan _____ (fall) down **while** she _____ (climb) the ladder.
- 8- I _____ (walk) along the road **when** I _____ (see) you with her.
- 9- Tom _____ (burn) his hand **while** he _____ (cook) dinner.
- 10- Daddy _____ (fall) asleep **while** he _____ (read) a book.