

WHEN & WHILE WITH PAST SIMPLE & PAST CONTINUOUS

A) Colour (Highlight) the correct answers.

1. I *watched* / *was watching* a movie **when** my cat *jumped* / *was jumping* on me.
2. Greg *was sleeping* / *slept* **while** Joanne *listened* / *was listening* to her MP3 player.
3. Mum *cooked* / *was cooking* dinner **when** someone *knocked* / *was knocking* on the door.
4. Sue *was watering* / *watered* the flowers **when** it *started* / *starts* to rain.
5. While they *were walking* / *walked* to school last Monday there was no bus at the bus stop.
6. I *ate* / *was eating* a sandwich **while** my parents *drank* / *were drinking* coffee.

B) Put the verbs in brackets into the **past continuous** or the **past simple**.

1. Jack...*was playing*... (play) a video game **when** his brother*entered*.... (enter) the room.
2. I (study) for my English test **when** my mother (come) home from work.
3. I (read) a book **when** my sister (leave) for the cinema.
4. Emma (wash) the dishes **when** the telephone (ring).
5. I (write) an email **when** the lights (go) out.
6. **When** you (knock) the door, I (have) a shower.
7. **While** I (cross) the street two cars (crash) into each other.
8. I (receive) a phone call **while** I (check) my Facebook account.
9. **While** (take) a selfie, I (drop) my smart phone.
10. **While** the kids (chase) the ball, their parents (play) cards on the picnic.