

LET'S PRACTICE

a- Complete the sentences with: WHEN or WHILE.

- 1- I was watching TV you called.
- 2- I was doing my homework, the computer crashed.
- 3- I heard a noise in the living room I was studying.
- 4- I arrived at the station, the train was leaving.
- 5- He was driving very fast the accident happened.
- 6- Susan was watching the news she was preparing dinner.
- 7- They told me the news I was having breakfast.
- 8- the assistant left the shop, the robber entered.

b- PAST SIMPLE vs PAST CONTINUOUS. Choose the correct form of the verbs to complete the sentences.

- 1- While I used / was using your pen, it broke / was breaking.
- 2- Someone stole / was stealing her purse while she didn't look / wasn't looking.
- 3- We had / were having a picnic when it started / was starting raining.
- 4- When the lesson began / was beginning, he finished / was finishing his homework.
- 5- I took / was taking some photos while they danced / were dancing.
- 6- While you slept / were sleeping, I borrowed / was borrowing your MP3 player.

c- PAST SIMPLE vs. PAST CONTINUOUS. Read this story and complete it with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.



- 1- While my grandmother (study) to be a doctor, she also (work) as a waitress in a restaurant in Sydney.
- 2- One day, she (work) in the restaurant when three doctors from the hospital (come) in and (ask) for a table.
- 3- While they (order) their meal, one of the doctors said that he (celebrate) his birthday. It was my grandfather and it (be) his twenty-ninth birthday.
- 4- My grandfather often (see) my grandmother at the hospital and he (be) in love with her. That day, in the restaurant, he (watch) her all the time while she (serve) the customers.
- 5- At the end of the meal, my grandmother (come) to their table. While she (take) their order for coffee, he (put) a note in her pocket.
- 6- While the men (have) coffee, my grandmother (read) the note. It said:

*Hi. How about dinner tomorrow?
Ralph
P.S. I'm the new doctor in Accident and Emergency*

- 7- Then the boss asked my grandmother to help in the kitchen for a while. When she
(come) back into the restaurant, the three doctors (leave).
- 8- When my grandfather (look) back into the restaurant, my grandmother
..... (write) "YES" on the window!