

# Past Simple and Continuous

## 1. Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets

- While I ..... (watch) TV, the lights ..... (go) out.
- When my father ..... (come), I ..... (talk) to my friends.
- While we ..... (eat) dinner, the telephone ..... (ring).
- While she ..... (do) her homework, her mother ..... (cook).
- While my sister ..... (sleep), the telephone ..... (ring).
- While he ..... (drive) back home, it ..... (begin) to snow.
- While Tom ..... (swim) in the sea, he ..... (see) a dolphin.

## 2. Combine the sentences using when and while

- We left the house. The postman came. (when)  
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- The storm began. I did my homework. (when)  
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- I drove home from work. I saw a terrible traffic accident. (while)  
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- We got ready. The telephone rang. (when)  
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- I took a shower. It began to rain.  
While.....
- The teacher came in. The students shouted.  
When.....
- I played basketball. I broke my arm.  
While.....

## 1. Rewrite the sentences using WHEN or WHILE

I was washing my hair. My brother entered the bathroom.

Tim was feeding his cat. He saw a big dog.

They were watching TV. The bell rang.

Mike was having dinner. Lucy was putting the children to bed.