

# 26 When clauses

I can recognize and use **when** to join clauses.



We use **when** as a conjunction to join two actions. The **when** clause can be the first or second clause in a sentence. If the **when** clause comes first in a sentence, it is followed by a comma.

## \*1 Use the prompts to write sentences. Add **when** or a comma.

- John saw his friends / he waved and shouted  
When John saw his friends, he waved and shouted.

1 the rain stopped / they started playing football  
When \_\_\_\_\_

2 we went to Italy / we had a lot of ice cream  
When \_\_\_\_\_

3 Sara was tired / she got off the train  
Sara \_\_\_\_\_

4 we cheered / the show finished  
We \_\_\_\_\_

5 my dad went to school / he had to wear a uniform  
When \_\_\_\_\_

## \*2 Match the first clause of the sentences 1–4 with the second clause a–e.

- When I was a baby e

1 You didn't do any work \_\_\_\_\_

2 She didn't like coffee \_\_\_\_\_

3 When we lived in France \_\_\_\_\_

4 When he started the piano \_\_\_\_\_

a he was very bad at it.

b I spoke French every day.

c when you were on holiday.

d when she was young.

e I couldn't walk or talk.