WRITING SKILLS

Using *when*

- We can use *when* to show that two things happen at the same time.

  EXAMPLES: I have the lights on **when** I sleep.
  When I sleep, I have the lights on.

- We can use *when* with two time clauses in the future. In this case, *when* means "after."

  EXAMPLES: I'll see you **when** I get to school.
  When I get home tonight, I'll eat my dinner.

- We can also use *when* with two time clauses in the past. In this case, *when* usually means "immediately after."

  EXAMPLES: **When** my alarm clock went off, I woke up.
  I woke up **when** my alarm clock went off.

- When you use two time clauses, put a comma after the first time clause when the first time clause begins with *when*.

  EXAMPLES: **When** I sleep, I have the lights on.
  When I get home tonight, I'll eat my dinner.
  When my alarm clock went off, I woke up.

Join the two sentences with **when**. Begin your sentence with **when**. Use the correct punctuation.

1. I sleep. I have the radio on.

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2. I sleep. I snore.

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3. She started snoring. Her husband woke up.

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4. I sleep. I like to hold something.

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5. I woke up. I was tired.

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6. I have problems. I cannot sleep.

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7. I eat too much. I have a nightmare.

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8. I went to bed. It was midnight.

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