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**Worksheet**

# ***When - While***

**1. Fill in the blanks with the simple past or the past continuous.**

1. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (write) the summary.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (cross) the road when I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him.
3. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (they / shout) at you when I \_\_\_\_\_ (wake up)?
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (fix) the computer when I \_\_\_\_\_ (open) the door.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (Mary / break) her leg while she \_\_\_\_\_ (skate)?
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when she \_\_\_\_\_ (knock) on the door.
7. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Jim at the disco he \_\_\_\_\_ (not / talk) to the Dj.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a film on TV when the electricity \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out.
9. The Titanic \_\_\_\_\_ (not / cross) the Pacific Ocean when it \_\_\_\_\_ (strike) an iceberg.
10. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ (not / fall) while he \_\_\_\_\_ (run) away.
11. Carol \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) asleep while she \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book.
12. While my father \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) home, he \_\_\_\_\_ (not / answer) his mobile phone.

**2. Write sentences using the simple past and past continuous.**

1. He / answer / the phone / while / he / eat / dinner

2. We / have / a picnic / when / it / start / to rain

3. Mark / not wear / a helmet / when / he / fall / off his bike

**3. Circle the correct words to complete the sentences**

1. Don **took / was taking** photos when a thief **stole / was stealing** his camera.
2. The phone **rang / was ringing** while Britney **watched / was watching** tv.
3. When the detective **entered / was entering** the room, the maid **cleaned / was cleaning** the house
4. While I **read / was reading** about Easter Island, someone **knocked / was knocking** on the door
5. Someone **screamed / was screaming** loudly when Sara and Maria **walked / were walking** their dog.

**4. Choose When or While**

1. I was reading a book **when / while** suddenly I heard a noise.
2. **When / while** Rose was cooking dinner, her husband went to work.

3. **When / while** Sandra and Kathy were talking in the living room, the door bell rang
4. Ben was playing in a basketball team **when / while** he was a kid
5. He broke his arm **when / while** he was playing basketball