

1 Read and complete the table.

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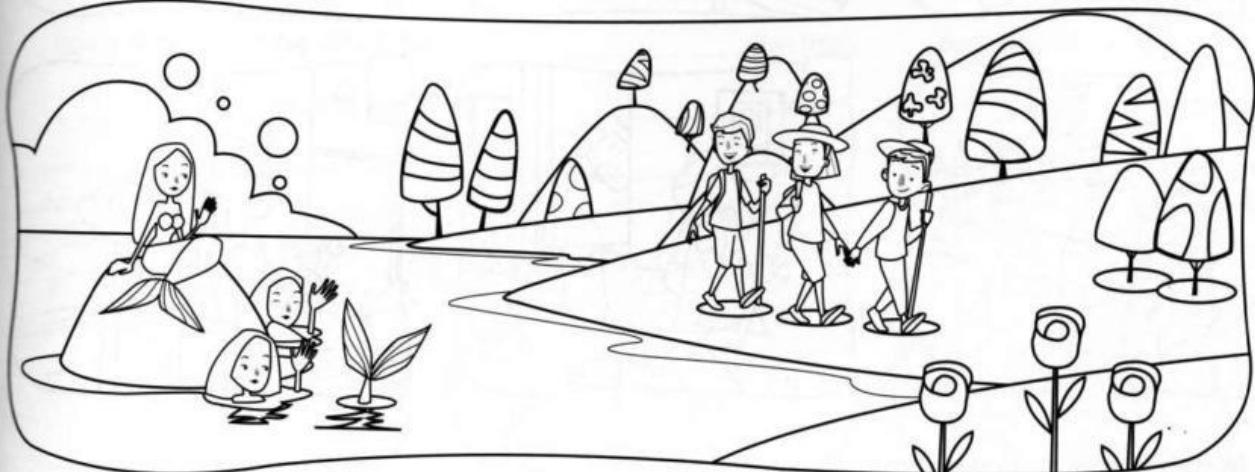
Past Simple and Past Continuous with **When** and **While**

When two past actions happen at the same time, we use the past simple for the shorter action, and the past continuous for the longer action. We connect the actions with **when** or **while**. We use **when** with the past simple, and we use **while** with the past continuous.

We often use the past simple and past continuous to talk about an interrupted activity. For example, “I was running when I tripped.”

When + Past Simple	I was taking a picture (1) I heard the swamp beast. When the kraken (2), we were sailing on the ocean.
While + Past Continuous	While I (3) a picture, I heard the swamp beast. The kraken attacked (4) we were sailing on the ocean.
Wh- Question	(5) were you doing when you saw the giant squid?

2 Write **PS** (past simple) or **PC** (past continuous) for the underlined part of the sentences.



- 1 The sun was shining when we started our hike.
- 2 While we were walking by the lake, we saw some friendly mermaids.
- 3 They played in the water while we were hiking along the shore.
- 4 When we looked back, they were waving good-bye.

1 Cross out the incorrect verb form in each sentence. Write the correct form below it.

1 While the teacher was talking, I listen to everything she said.

2 They were dance to the music when I opened the door.

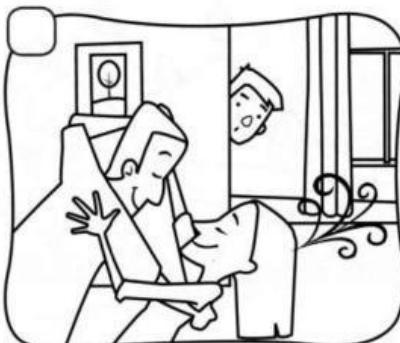
3 He play with toys while his dad was cooking dinner.

4 They were laugh when the dog jumped over the stick.

5 While we were working hard in the garden, he relax in the pool.

6 The sun was shine when they began their hike to the castle.

★ Match the sentences with the pictures.



2 Match the sentence halves.

1 When explorers saw the kangaroo,

a while he was swinging his club.

2 The troll grunted loudly

b someone screamed suddenly.

3 While we were sitting in the dark,

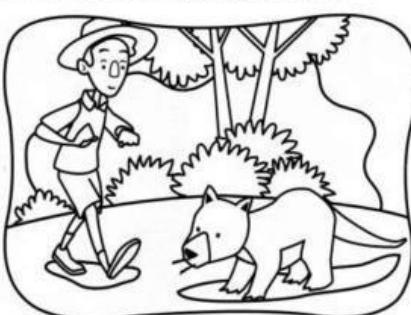
c it was hopping away.

1 Complete the sentences with the correct verb forms.



1 (read, drop)

The dwarf
when the wizard
..... his plate.



2 (walk, whistle)

While I
in the jungle, a dingiso
..... at me!



3 (wake, tweet)

When she
up, a bird
outside her window.



4 (see, sail)

He the
Loch Ness monster while he
..... on the lake.



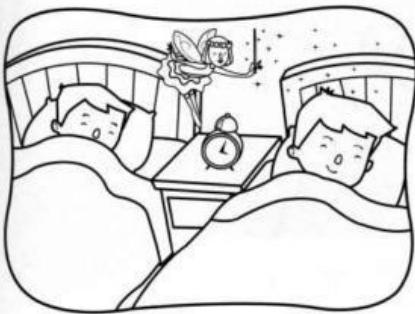
5 (sing, fall)

While the elves
....., the fairy
..... asleep.



6 (fly, strike)

While the witch
past the clock, it
..... midnight.



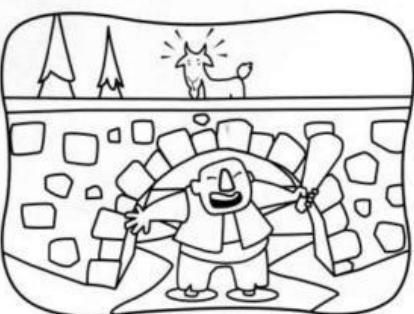
7 (sleep, sprinkle)

While the children
....., the fairy
..... magic dust.



8 (saw, hike)

He some
giant footprints while he
..... in the mountains.



9 (cross, shout)

The goat
the bridge when the troll
..... angrily.