Complete the text with the time linkers in the box.

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Although it's very popular nowadays, [1] *during* the 1950s pasta was an unusual meal in the UK. Not many British people had been to Italy, and very few people knew how pasta was made. So, for April Fool's Day in 1957, the BBC news programme *Panorama* decided to make a story about spaghetti growing on trees. [2] _____ the programme, viewers were told that the harvest that year was particularly good because of the weather. And [3] _____ the presenter explained how spaghetti was grown, there was a film of workers in the background cutting the spaghetti from the trees. [4] _____ the programme had been broadcast, the BBC started receiving phone calls from people who wanted to grow their own spaghetti. [5] _____, the BBC continued the joke by instructing anyone who wanted to grow a spaghetti tree to 'place a piece of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce.' [6] _____ the story was revealed to be an April Fool's Day joke, hundreds of people had contacted the BBC.

Complete the sentences with the correct time linker.

1 I woke up three times *during* the night.
2 Sorry I didn't speak to you earlier, but I phoned you _____ I could.
3 We were very late and the party had finished _____ we got there.
4 We walked all day _____ it got dark, and then we went home.
5 We just couldn't find the plane tickets. We looked everywhere. _____, the taxi to the airport was waiting for us outside.

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