## USING *WHILE* WITH THE PAST PROGRESSIVE

(a) The phone rang **while** *I was sleeping.* OR: (b) **While** *I was sleeping,* the phone rang.	**while** + *subject* + *verb* = *a time clause* *While I was sleeping* is a time clause. A *while*-clause describes an activity that was in progress at the time another activity happened. The verb in a *while*-clause is often past progressive (e.g., *was sleeping*).

Combine the sentences. Use **while**.

1. I was studying last night.
   Rita called.

2. Someone knocked on my apartment door.
   I was eating breakfast yesterday morning.

3. I was cooking dinner yesterday evening.
   I burned my hand.

4. I was studying last night.
   A mouse suddenly appeared on my desk.

5. Yoko raised her hand.
   The teacher was talking.

6. A tree fell on my car.
   I was driving home yesterday.
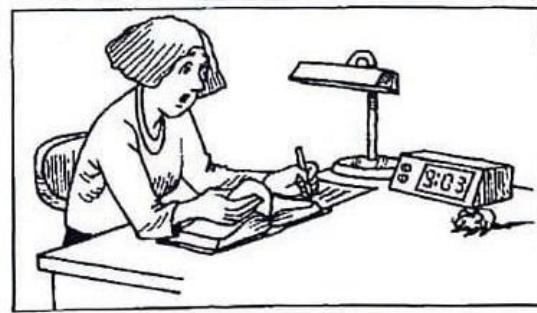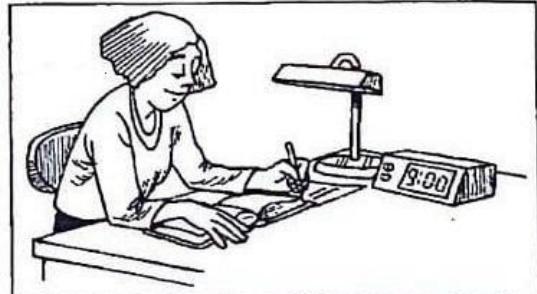
1. (a) _____ while _____

   (b) While _____ , _____

2. (a) _____ while _____

   (b) While _____ , _____

3. (a) _____ while _____

   (b) While _____ , _____

4. (a) _____ while _____

   (b) While _____ , _____

5. (a) _____ while _____

   (b) While _____ , _____

6. (a) _____ while _____

   (b) While _____ , _____