

Past continuous tense (2) C when

Mr and Mrs Lo were looking at the sharks
when Ken took a photo.



We use **when** to link a longer action and a shorter action in the past.

I saw a frog when I was jogging in the park.

I was jogging in the park when I saw a frog.

longer action – use the
past continuous tense

shorter action – use the
simple past tense

Practice

Write sentences using 'when'. Change the verbs given into the past continuous tense form or the simple past tense form. Follow the example.

1 we (watch) TV / the phone (ring)

We were watching TV when the phone rang.

2 Julia (fly) a kite / it (start) to rain

3 I (tidy) my desk / a bird (fly) into my room

4 they (have) a barbecue / they (see) a cow

5 Paul (feed) the lambs / he (drop) his camera

6 Mum (take) some photos / a cat (jump) out of a tree

Date: _____

Complete Sophie's blog entry using 'when' and the correct form of the verbs given.



arrive bump chat drink go make ring

 **Sophie's Blog** 

Today was the school picnic but I didn't have much fun! We had to bring our own lunch so I woke up early this morning. I ① _____ a hot dog ② _____ the phone ③ _____. It was my best friend Elsa. I ④ _____ with her ⑤ _____. My brother ⑥ _____ into the kitchen and ate my hot dog! I had to make another one so I was almost late. When I ⑦ _____ at school, my classmates were already on the bus!

Later at the picnic, I ⑧ _____ some mango juice ⑨ _____. Eddy and Meg ⑩ _____ into me! The juice spilled all over my clothes! They were really sorry.

What a terrible day!