

While / When

1. **while** → 用在长动作 (cook, play, eat, drive.....)

配 Past Continuous tense

Example:

While they were washing, she did her homework.

2. **when** → 用在短动作 (ring, go, see, hear, start, stop, finish, complete...)

配 Past Simple tense

Examples:

She was washing **when** my sister arrived.

When I heard the doorbell, I went to the door.

Exercise:

Fill in the blank with “when” or “while”

- 1) I **was having** lunch _____ James arrived.
- 2) _____ I **heard** the doorbell 门铃响, I went to the door.
- 3) _____ Jo **was washing** her hairs, I did my homework.
- 4) She **was eating** an apple _____ she **bit** 咬到 her tongue 舌头.
- 5) I was at the baker's 蛋糕店 _____ I **met** Jo.
- 6) The customer was being helped by the salesman _____ the thief 小偷 **came** into the store.
- 7) We were driving in the car _____ we **saw** Robin on his bike 骑车.
- 8) I was in the shop _____ **someone** stole 偷了 my bag.
- 9) I hurt 伤了 my back _____ I **tried** 试着 to lift 抬 the piano.
- 10) _____ we **were standing** outside the cinema, someone picked my pocket.
- 11) _____ I **was paying** for the T-shirt, I realised I didn't have any money.

- 12) Olivia was having dinner _____ the phone **rang**.
- 13) My brother was winning the race _____ he **fell off** 跌下来 his bike.
- 14) I was watching TV _____ my brother **came** home.
- 15) She was cooking dinner _____ the phone **rang**.
- 16) _____ I **was walking** to school, I saw an old friend.
- 17) They were playing football _____ it **started** to rain.
- 18) He was reading a book _____ his sister **was doing** her homework.

Part B: Fill in the blanks with Past Simple or Past Continuous.

- 19) We _____ (hunt 打猎) **when** suddenly we _____ (see) a UFO.
20. My father _____ (repair 维修) his car **while** my mother _____ (iron 烫衣).
21. You _____ (wait) for my parents, **when** the train _____ (arrive).
22. My grandparents _____ (read) **while** we _____ ((play) video game.
23. The pigeon _____ (fly) **when** the hawk _____ (attack 攻击) it.
24. The rain _____ (start) **while** they _____ (have) a picnic.
25. I _____ (work) in the field **when** a plane _____ (crash 撞击).