

**FILL IN THE GAPS: PAST SIMPLE & PAST CONTINUOUS**

**READ THE STORY AND COMPLETE THE BLANKS WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERBS (PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS) AND THE MISSING TIME EXPRESSIONS OR CONNECTORS.** while, when, meanwhile, as, during, in 2024, last month, a year ago.

It all started \_\_\_\_\_ (connector), when our company decided to expand to new markets. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (work) hard to prepare the launch. The marketing team \_\_\_\_\_ (create) a new campaign \_\_\_\_\_ (connector) the design department \_\_\_\_\_ (develop) the product's new look. \_\_\_\_\_ (connector) the first weeks, everything \_\_\_\_\_ (go) smoothly.

One day, \_\_\_\_\_ (connector) the CEO \_\_\_\_\_ (give) an important presentation to investors, the lights suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out. It was quite embarrassing, but she continued speaking calmly. \_\_\_\_\_ (connector) the technicians \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to fix the problem, the audience \_\_\_\_\_ (use) their phones to light the room.

\_\_\_\_\_ (connector) the following month, we \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) to Singapore to open our new branch. The team \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) the achievement \_\_\_\_\_ (connector) HR \_\_\_\_\_ (send) new company policies by email. \_\_\_\_\_ (connector) the trip, I \_\_\_\_\_ (check) my messages and \_\_\_\_\_ (see) an email from an old colleague who wanted to join our company.

A year later, we looked back and realized how much we \_\_\_\_\_ (learn). It had been a challenging but exciting journey for everyone.