

“USE OF WHEN” IN SIMPLE PAST AND PAST CONTINUOUS

Part 1 – Complete with the correct verb form

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Remember:

- Use **Past Continuous** for the longer action.
- Use **Past Simple** for the shorter action.
- Add commas if necessary.

Example:

When I **was walking** (walk) home, it **started** (start) to rain.

1. _____ you _____ (sleep) when the phone _____ (ring)?
2. I _____ (cook) dinner when my brother _____ (arrive).
3. They _____ (not / listen) when the teacher _____ (ask) the question.
4. When we _____ (watch) the movie, the popcorn _____ (burn).
5. She _____ (take) a shower when someone _____ (knock) on the door.

Part 2 – Make questions

Use the words to write questions using **when** and the correct tense.

Example:

you / What/ do / when / your friend / call →

What were you doing when your friend called?

1. he / fall / when / he / run → _____
2. what /they / do / when / it / start / to rain → _____
3. break / her phone / when / she / do / homework → _____
4. you / wear / when /what/ you / meet / your teacher → _____
5. what / you / do / when / the lights / go / off → _____

Part 3 – Add commas

Rewrite the sentences and put commas **when needed**.

1. When I was playing football my dad came home.

2. She was reading when her friend entered the room.
3. When the teacher arrived the students were laughing.
4. They were talking when the bell rang.
5. When it started to rain we ran inside.