



Past Simple vs Past Continuous - When & While

A.- Read the sentences and choose PS (Past Simple) or PC (Past Continuous)

- 1.- They were watching TV . _____
- 2.- Julia saw the robber. _____
- 3.- We were sitting in the café. _____
- 4.- She was typing a text message. _____
- 5.- My mobile phone rang. _____

**B.- Read the sentences and choose WHEN or WHILE**

- 1.- I was studying for a test WHEN / WHILE my friend arrived.
- 2.- WHEN / WHILE Megan was walking in the park, she saw Lucy.
- 3.- Dad was sleeping on the sofa WHEN / WHILE mum came home from work.
- 4.- It started to rain WHEN / WHILE we were waiting for the bus.
- 5.- WHEN / WHILE we arrived at the party, people were dancing.

C.- Choose the correct verb tenses to complete the sentences.

- 1.- When the phone _____, Jason was having a shower.
- 2.- Sally and Mike _____ Jane's homework when the teacher came into the room.
- 3.- While you _____, the cat ate your dinner.
- 4.- Daniel was standing on a chair when he fell and _____ his leg.
- 5.- While we were swimming, we _____ dolphins in the water.
- 6.- The students were having a lesson when _____ a noise outside.
- 7.- While Mark _____ in the garden, his neighbour came for a visit.

D.- Read the text and answer the questions:

New Message

Hi Luke,

Send

Thank you for remembering my birthday yesterday. Yes, I got some great presents: Mum and Dad gave me a BMX bike and Gran gave me a Smartphone! And yes, I had a great day. In fact, it was very exciting. Let me tell you about it.

In the morning I went to the park on my BMX. There I met Emily and Roger and we played basketball for an hour. Then we sat under a tree to eat our sandwiches. I was showing them my new Smartphone when I noticed that my BMX bike was missing! I jumped up and looked around the park. And then I saw it! A boy with a black jacket was stealing my bike. 'Stop!' I shouted, but the boy got on the bike and rode over the bridge. Then I remembered my Smartphone, so I took a photo of him and called the police.

When the police officer arrived, we showed him the photo of the boy. 'Come with me to the police station,' he said. We were following the police officer over the bridge when we heard a noise. We looked over the side and what do you think we saw? It was the boy in the photo! He was sitting on the grass. 'Please help me,' he said, 'I fell off the bike and I broke my leg.'

Well, I got my bike back. It was lucky I had my new Smartphone with me.

See you soon!

Maria

1.- What did Maria receive for her birthday?

2.- When did she go to the park?

3.- What sport did Maria and her friends play?

4.- Where did they eat their sandwiches?

5.- What did Maria notice when she was showing her smartphone to her friends?

6.- What did they do when the police arrived?

7.- What was the boy doing on the grass?

8.- What problem did the robber have?

