



PAST SIMPLE & PAST CONTINUOUS WHEN - WHILE

Exercise 1 : Rewrite the sentences using “WHEN” or “WHILE”:

1.- I was studying English. My brother came in.

(When) I was studying English WHEN my brother came in.

(While) My brother came in WHILE I was studying English.

2.- Pamela was preparing dinner. She cut her finger.

(When) _____

(While) _____

3.- Jason was playing in the garden. He found a snake.

(When) _____

(While) _____

4.- My father was writing a letter. The light went off.

(When) _____

(While) _____

5.- The baby was sleeping. The telephone rang.

(When) _____

(While) _____

6.- My mum was having a shower. My father arrived home.

(When) _____

(While) _____

7.- I was buying some bread. I saw my neighbour.

(When) _____

(While) _____

8.- The teacher was explaining the lesson. The door opened.

(When) _____

(While) _____

Exercise 2 : Choose the correct answer:

1.- WHEN / WHILE I was making coffee my husband was having a nap.

2.- Christian was sleeping WHEN / WHILE I took his wallet.

3.- WHEN / WHILE we were dancing they were playing football.

4.- The telephone rang WHEN / WHILE I was having a shower.

5.- They were having a cup of tea WHEN / WHILE I arrived home.

6.- WHEN / WHILE I saw her she was kissing her boyfriend.

7.- Were you driving WHEN / WHILE you had the accident?

8.- I was cooking WHEN / WHILE they were playing cards.

Exercise 3 : Complete with PAST SIMPLE or PAST CONTINUOUS:

- 1.- The baby woke (wake) up while her mum was watching (watch) TV.
- 2.- I _____ (clean) the house when the postman _____ (come) around.
- 3.- She _____ (meet) me while I _____ (walk) the dog.
- 4.- Tom _____ (work) when his son _____ (phone) him.
- 5.- The rain _____ (start) while they _____ (drive).
- 6.- She _____ (climb) a mountain when she _____ (break) her leg.
- 7.- I _____ (fall) asleep while I _____ (read) a book.

