TIME LINKERS

while, meanwhile, during, until, by the time, as soon as

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Choose the correct options.

1 I found some old newspapers *while* / *meanwhile* / *during* I was tidying up the attic recently. They all had stories about famous hoaxes in them.
2 I almost fell asleep *during* / *while* / *meanwhile* the meeting this afternoon. It was so boring.
3 The US belonged to the UK *by the time* / *until* / *while* 1776, when it gained independence.
4 I was looking for my phone. *By the time* / *Meanwhile* / *As soon as*, my wife had found it and was looking for me.
5 We called the police *by the time* / *meanwhile* / *as soon as* we discovered the house had been robbed.
6 We spent ages looking for the shop and *as soon as* / *while* / *by the time* we found it, it was closed.
7 There were many important discoveries *during* / *while* / *by the time* the 1800s.
8 Luke and I met *during* / *meanwhile* / *while* we were working together in a café.

Complete the sentences with the correct time linker.

1 I woke up three times *during* the night.
2 Sorry I didn't speak to you earlier, but I phoned you _____ I could.
3 We were very late and the party had finished _____ we got there.
4 We walked all day _____ it got dark, and then we went home.
5 We just couldn't find the plane tickets. We looked everywhere. _____, the taxi to the airport was waiting for us outside.

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