

'when' + short action (past simple tense)
 'while' + long action (past continuous tense)

I **was watching** TV when Jim **knocked** the door.

	I was watching TV	when	Jim knocked the door.
When	Jim knocked the door	,	I was watching TV
	Jim knocked the door	while	I was watching TV
While	I was watching TV	,	Jim knocked the door

Past simple & Past Continuous

1) Read the sentences. Circle the correct option.

- 1- Last Saturday night I **set** / **was setting** the table when my friends **arrived** / **were arriving**.
- 2- While we **watched** / **were watching** a movie the doorbell **rang** / **was ringing**.
- 3- The phone **rang** / **was ringing** while my sister **had** / **was having** a bath.
- 4- Jason and I **played** / **were playing** on the computer when his Dad **came** / **was coming** to pick him up.
- 5- Jimmy and Susie **fixed** / **were fixing** their bikes when Grandpa **brought** / **was bringing** new ones!

Complete the sentences using either the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

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| 1- When my grandparents came to visit, I | a thief got into the shop |
| 2- While Dad was cleaning the kitchen, | mom was washing the car in the garage. |
| 3- While I was doing the dishes, | the cat jumped over the clean cups. |
| 4- When it started to rain, the children | was still sleeping. |
| 5-When Jane and Tom were in the
bookshop, | Were playing rugby outside. |