

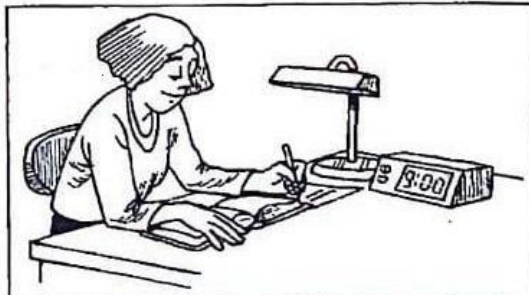
USING WHILE WITH THE PAST PROGRESSIVE

- (a) The phone rang **while** I was sleeping. OR:
 (b) **While** I was sleeping, the phone rang.

while + subject + verb = a time clause
While I was sleeping is a time clause.
 A *while*-clause describes an activity that was in progress at the time another activity happened.
 The verb in a *while*-clause is often past progressive (e.g., *was sleeping*).

■ Combine the sentences. Use **while**.

1. I was studying last night.
Rita called.
2. Someone knocked on my apartment door.
I was eating breakfast yesterday morning.
3. I was cooking dinner yesterday evening.
I burned my hand.
4. I was studying last night.
A mouse suddenly appeared on my desk.
5. Yoko raised her hand.
The teacher was talking.
6. A tree fell on my car.
I was driving home yesterday.



1. (a) _____ while _____
 (b) While _____ , _____
2. (a) _____ while _____
 (b) While _____ , _____
3. (a) _____ while _____
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4. (a) _____ while _____
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