While / When

1. while → 用在长动作 (cook, play, eat, drive…….)

配Past Continuous tense

Example:

While they were washing, she did her homework.

2. when → 用在短动作 (ring, go, see, hear, start, stop, finish, complete…)

配Past Simple tense

Examples:

She was washing **when** my sister arrived.

When I heard the doorbell, I went to the door.

Exercise:

Fill in the blank with "when" or "while"

1) I **was having** lunch _____James arrived.

2) _____I **heard** the doorbell门铃响, I went to the door.

3) _____Jo **was washing** her hairs, I did my homework.

4) She **was eating** an apple _____she **bit**咬到 her tongue舌头.

5) I was at the baker's蛋糕店 _____I **met** Jo.

6) The customer was being helped by the salesman _____ the thief 小偷**came** into the store.

7) We were driving in the car _____we **saw** Robin on his bike骑车.

8) I was in the shop _____**someone** stole 偷了my bag.

9) I hurt伤了 my back _____I **tried试着** to lift 抬the piano.

10) _____we **were standing** outside the cinema, someone picked my pocket.

11) _____I **was paying** for the T-shirt, I realised I didn't have any money.

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12) Olivia was having dinner _____the phone **rang**.

13) My brother was winning the race _____he **fell off** 跌下来 his bike.

14) I was watching TV _____ my brother **came** home.

15) She was cooking dinner _____ the phone **rang**.

16) _____ I **was walking** to school, I saw an old friend.

17) They were playing football _____ it **started** to rain.

18) He was reading a book _____ his sister **was doing** her homework.

Part B: Fill in the blanks with Past Simple or Past Continuous.

19) We _____(hunt 打猎) **when** suddenly we_____ (see)a UFO.

20. My father_____(repair 维修) his car **while** my mother_____((iron 烫衣).

21. You _____ (wait) for my parents, **when** the train _____(arrive).

22. My grandparents_____ (read) **while** we _____((play) video game.

23.The pigeon_____(fly) **when** the hawk_____ (attack 攻击) it.

24.The rain _____ (start) **while** they _____(have) a picnic.

25. I_____(work) in the field **when** a plane _____(crash 撞击).

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