

## PAST CONTINUOUS for interrupted actions

We use the Past Continuous with the Past Simple when a long action is interrupted by a short action. We use the word **when** to join the two actions.

Long action (past continuous): I was listening to the radio (action in progress)

When + short action (past simple): the doorbell rang (this action interrupts the first).

I was listening to the radio when the doorbell rang.

Complete the sentences with **PAST SIMPLE** or **PAST CONTINUOUS** of the verbs in brackets.

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football when the rain \_\_\_\_\_ (start).
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (play) baseball in the garden when he \_\_\_\_\_ (break) the window.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when Mom \_\_\_\_\_ (come) in.
4. Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_ (run) when she \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) on the ground.
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a movie when her sister \_\_\_\_\_ (turn off) the tv.
6. They \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) on the beach when they \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the whale.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ (study) in the library when we \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a scary sound.
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) the dishes when the phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).
9. Mary and I \_\_\_\_\_ (dance) when she \_\_\_\_\_ (fall).
10. She \_\_\_\_\_ (play) hide and seek when Sara \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) down the tree.