

The Past Continuous

When...

They were eating.
She looked sad.



If **when** comes at the beginning of the sentence we use a comma to separate the two clauses.

When they were eating, she looked sad.

If **when** comes in the middle of the sentence then it replaces the comma:

*She looked sad **when** they were eating.*

after

He never played football again **after** he broke his leg.
After he broke his leg he never played football.

Before

We looked both ways **before** we crossed the road.
Before we crossed the road, we looked both ways.

Before is used with the Past simple

while

While I was waiting for the bus, it began to rain.
It began to rain **while** I was waiting for the bus.

Past simple or past continuous

Join the two causes with **when**. Choose from the boxes.

Follow the example:

~~I went out~~
I phoned her
I left for vacation this summer
The program ended
We got to the hotel

I was sleeping
I was going to Paris
they were serving dinner
~~It was raining~~
She wasn't picking up

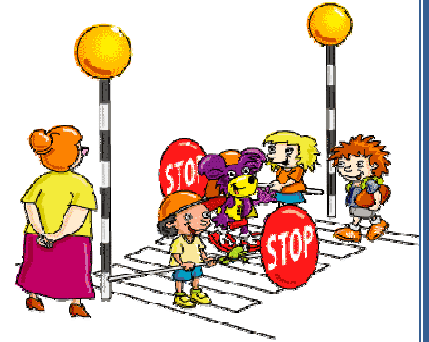


1. When I went out, *it was raining*.
2. When I phoned her, _____.
3. When I left for vacation this summer, _____.
4. When the program ended, _____.
5. When we got to the hotel, _____.



🌀 Complete the sentences. Choose from the box.

somebody was breaking into the house
before they came here
when they were singing “happy birthday”
before they came to this neighborhood
while the owners were away
the men were carrying their furniture out
they didn’t believe me
they went to live in New Zealand



1. They looked both ways before they crossed the road.



2. They surprised me _____

3. While they were asleep, _____



4. After they got married, _____

5. When I told them what happened, _____



6. The renters were damaging the house _____

7. Where did they live _____

8. When Geraldine arrived home, _____

