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Hello children let's learn how to use
when and *while*...



When

- ▶ We use **when** to link a long action and a short action.
- ▶ We use the **past continuous tense** for the long action. We can use **past tense** for the short action.
- ▶ Eg ; **When** the phone **rang** , she **was writing** a letter.

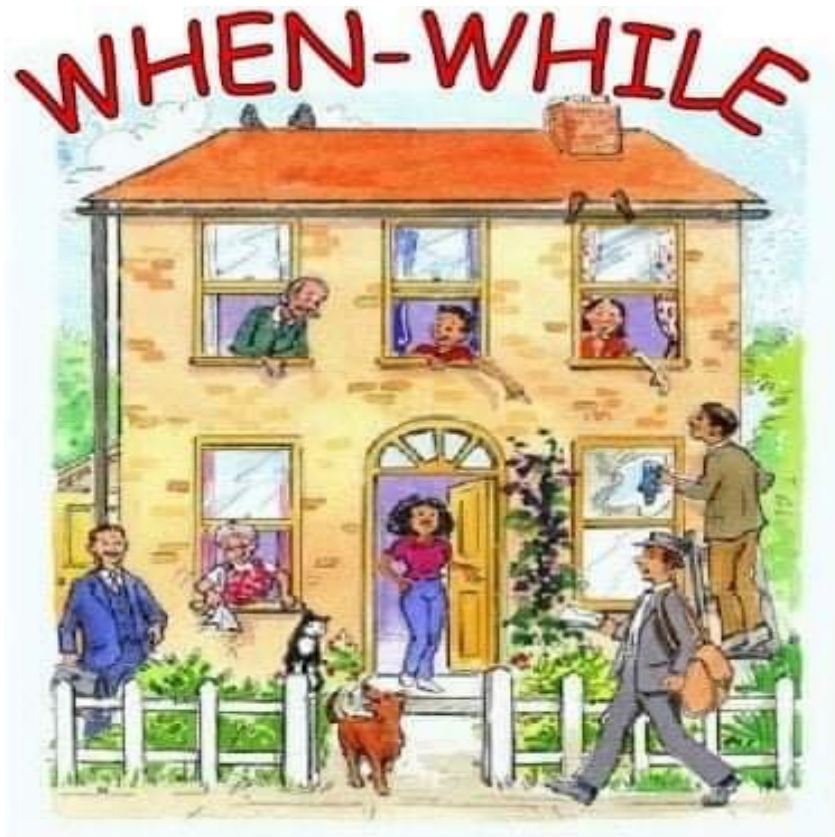


While

- ▶ We use **while** to link two actions that happened at the same time in the past.
- ▶ We can use the **past continuous tense** with the long action or with both actions.
- ▶ Eg; **while** we **were having** lunch, it started to rain.



❖ What is long and short action?



The telephone rang

Doing my homework: Long- period action
Continuous action

Telephone rang: Short-period action
Action that interrupts other action

e.g. **While** I **was** **doing** my homework, the telephone rang.

When the telephone **rang**, I was doing my homework

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"second form of the verb"

Examples;

- A. My mother was cooking **when** my father arrived.
- B. **While** my mother was cooking ,my father arrived.
- C. I met my old friend **while** I was going to school.
- D. Be careful **when** you use electric equipments.

Use “when” or “while” to combine the following sentences.

WHEN - WHILE

1. The students were doing an exercise _____ the bell rang.
2. I saw an accident _____ I was waiting at the bus stop.
3. _____ she was writing an email, her computer turned off.
4. He fell down _____ he was climbing a tree.
5. _____ my mom came home, my sister was sleeping.
6. We found some old photographs _____ we were tidying our room.
7. _____ you called me last night, I was studying for the test.
8. I had a bad dream _____ I was sleeping on the sofa.
9. _____ the fire alarm went off, we were listening to music.
10. She started to cry _____ she was watching a movie.

Now you can do work book activity...

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Hope to see you soon my dear children.....

