

# PAST SIMPLE VS PAST CONTINUOUS

## EXERCISE 1.

Write sentences joining ideas together and using the words  
given.

*e.g. I have a bath / the phone rings. (while)*

*While I was having a bath, the phone rang.*

1. Paul has lunch / Jane arrives. (when)

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2. I listen to music / my mum calls me. (when)

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1. We go to our friends' house / our car breaks down. (while)

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2. Jimmy and Sue wait for me / they meet Anna. (while)

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3. I talk / she enters the room. (when)

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4. I don't hear you / I listen to the radio. (because)

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## EXERCISE 2.

Put the verbs in brackets into the simple past or the past

continuous.

e.g. *I (drive) \_\_\_\_\_ when it (start) \_\_\_\_\_*

*raining.*

*I was driving when it started raining*

1. While Matt (cook) \_\_\_\_\_, Jane (call)

\_\_\_\_\_ a friend.

2. Where Sheila (go) \_\_\_\_\_ when you (meet)  
\_\_\_\_\_ her?

3. While we (work) \_\_\_\_\_, the children (watch)  
\_\_\_\_\_ TV

4. While I (study) \_\_\_\_\_, my brother (interrupt)  
\_\_\_\_\_ me.

5. James (play) \_\_\_\_\_ football when the storm  
(begin) \_\_\_\_\_.

6. When she (come) \_\_\_\_\_ I (wait)  
\_\_\_\_\_ for a taxi.