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PAST CONTINUOUS + SIMPLE PAST

We often use the **Past Continuous** with the **Simple Past** when a **long action** is interrupted by a **short action**.
We use the words **WHILE** or **WHEN** to join the ideas.

WHILE + long action (past continuous): I **was watching** TV (this action was in progress)

WHEN + short action (simple past): the **earthquake started** (this action interrupted)

There are 4 basic combinations:

While	Past Continuous	,	Simple Past
When	Simple Past	,	Past Continuous
	Simple Past	while	Past Continuous
	Past Continuous	when	Simple Past

EXAMPLES:

While I **was watching** TV, the earthquake **started**.

When the earthquake **started**, I **was watching** TV.

The earthquake **started** **while** I **was watching** TV.

I **was watching** TV **when** the earthquake **started**.

1. Read and complete with WHEN or WHILE.

- We were driving home _____ we saw a cow on the road.
- Peter was doing his homework _____ his parents arrived from work.
- _____ Daniel was listening to music, the postman knocked on the door.
- _____ I heard the news, I felt completely shocked!
- _____ we were tidying our bedrooms, someone stole our suitcases.
- Anna was reading a short story _____ we met her at the restaurant.
- The doctor was checking my blood pressure _____ his nurse came in.
- _____ you were sending text messages, I finished my chores!
- The teacher corrected the tests _____ we were working in groups.
- We decided to travel to France _____ we saw the brochure at the travel agency.

2. Complete the sentences with your own ideas using the grammar rules.

- I was listening to the radio
- It started to rain
- Someone knocked the door
- She was cooking dinner
- The girl cut her finger