

A. Complete the sentences with *while* or *when*.

1. We were playing basketball _____ it began to rain.
2. The dog was barking _____ we were sleeping.
3. I was watching TV _____ she called.
4. _____ the phone rang, she was writing a letter.
5. _____ we were having the picnic, it started to rain.
6. What were you doing _____ the earthquake started?
7. You were not listening to me _____ I told you to turn the oven off.
8. _____ John was sleeping last night, someone stole his car.
9. I was just getting into the bath _____ the telephone rang.
10. Were you listening _____ he was talking?
11. _____ Ellen was reading, Tim was watching television.
12. _____ she came home from school she really didn't look well

B. Complete the text with past simple or past continuous

A lorry driver _____ (**drive**) 200 penguins to London Zoo when his lorry _____ (**break**) down on the motorway. The driver _____ (**get**) out of the cab and _____ (**look**) at the engine when a second lorry driver _____ (**stop**) in front of him and _____ (**ask**) if he _____ (**need**) help.

The penguins' driver _____ (**explain**) that he _____ (**take**) the penguins to the zoo and _____ (**ask**) if the other man would take the penguins there. He _____ (**agreed**).



Today _____ (**not be**) not a good day. First of all, my alarm clock _____ (**not ring**). Then, while I _____ (**have**) a shower, my dad _____ (**go**) to work so I had to walk to school. It _____ (**rain**) and I got very wet. When I _____ (**walk**) into class everyone _____ (**study**) hard and in silence. The teacher _____ (**look**) at me and said, 'Good afternoon John. How nice of you to join us.' Everyone _____ (**laugh**). I _____ (**be**) so embarrassed.