

1.5 Past Continuous Tense: "when"



We often use the **past continuous tense** with the word "when," to talk about **two things that were happening at the same time**. Look at this sentence pattern:

[past continuous] when [past tense]

I was talking on the phone when the doorbell rang.
He was eating dinner when the phone rang.
She was doing her homework when she fell asleep.
It was raining when I went to school.
We were fighting when my mother came home.



Write past tense be verb + verb+ing to complete the sentences below.

1. What was Nick doing when his father came home?

He _____ when his father came home.

2. What were you doing when the phone rang?

I _____ when the phone rang.

3. What were you doing when I called you?

I _____ when you called me.

4. What was Jenny doing when it started to rain?

She _____ when it started to rain.

5. What were your parents doing when you went to sleep?

They _____ when I went to sleep.