

## when / while

Past continuous tense 過去進行式

⇒意思: 進行中, 但在過去

⇒寫法:

I / He / She / It	was	Verb + ing
You / We / They	were	

e.g. Mable **was cleaning** the bedroom at eight o'clock last night.

e.g. My mum and I **were sweeping** the floor by the time dad arrived home.



## When / While

⇒意思:當……時

### When + past continuous tense 用法

⇒用when 形容一個動作進行時, 發生了另一件事或動作

**1 長動作 + 1 短動作 (用常識分辨)**

⇒長動作:past continuous tense (was/were + v.ing)

⇒短動作:past tense

e.g. I was doing homework **when** someone knocked on the door.

解釋:做功課 (長動作) was/were + v.ing

敲門 (短動作) past tense

### While + past continuous tense 用法

⇒用while 形容兩個同時發生的動作

**兩個都是長動作**

⇒長動作:past continuous tense (was/were + v.ing)

e.g. I was playing video games **while** my mum was cleaning the kitchen.

## Exercise

Fill in the blanks with **when/while**.

1. Amy was watching a movie \_\_\_\_\_ I was studying for the exam.
2. Mum was cooking dinner \_\_\_\_\_ the door bell rang.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I was driving home from work, I saw a beautiful sunset in the distance.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Mary was cleaning the kitchen, the kids were playing in the garden.
5. I was reading a book \_\_\_\_\_ my cat jumped onto my laptop.
6. Some people were jogging in the park \_\_\_\_\_ some people were playing badminton.
7. Tim was painting \_\_\_\_\_ Tom was listening to music.