



Learn English Through Stories

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Test 7

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The progressive tenses

1. Complete each sentence with an appropriate **when clause**.

EXAMPLE: She was just getting out of bed **when the doorbell rang**.

1. I was leaning back in my chair when ...
2. Were you standing on the corner when ... ?
3. Aunt Doris was baking a cake when
4. We were making up the bed in the spare room when ...

2. Provide **an appropriate progressive-tense clause** to complete each sentence.

EXAMPLE: *I was just opening my eyes* when I heard Mum come in.

1.when the dog began to bark.
2.when the door slammed shut.
3.when I heard someone call my name.
4.when the road suddenly ended.
5.when a bee stung me.
6.when someone stole my purse.

3. Change each sentence from a statement containing **a when clause** to a statement containing **a while clause**.

1. They were opening their Christmas gifts when the Christmas tree fell over.

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2. Tom was swimming in the pool when his little brother fell in the water.

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3. She was speaking with the postie when a taxi pulled up in front of the house.

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4. Ms. Howard was lecturing her class when her mobile phone rang.

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5. The boys were playing checkers on the floor when the cat jumped into the middle of their game.

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4. Complete each sentence, using either **the simple present or **the present progressive** tense of the verb in parentheses.**

EXAMPLE: Cecilia can't come to the door because she **is washing** (wash) her hair.

1. David (wash) his car every weekend.

2. Paul usually (eat) in front of the building, but today he (eat) at the far corner table.

3. Please explain it to me again. I (try) to understand your explanation.

4. I sent Paul an e-mail last week, but I haven't received an answer yet. I (still wait) for his reply.

5. I was getting tired of grey skies. I'm glad the sun (shine) again this morning.

6. Every morning at ten, the heater (turn on) and (stay on) until mid-afternoon.

7. It's so cold! No wonder it (hail).

8. Tyler is a basketball player, but he (not _ play) right now, because it's off - season.

9. He (coach) kids during the summer, and he (train) in the fall.

10. In the spring, he (attend) school in the morning and (play) with his team in the afternoon.

5. Complete each sentence, using either **the simple past or **the past progressive** tense of the verb in parentheses.**

EXAMPLE: I *went* (go) to the park last week, but it *was not* (not _ be) sunny at all.

1. I (call) Kim yesterday morning, but she (not _ be) at home. She (visit) her aunt like she usually does on Tuesday mornings.
2. I (hear) the neighbours washing their dishes last night, because I (be) awake.
3. The weather was perfect yesterday when we had the picnic at Peace Park. The sun (shine). A rather pleasant wind (blow). The children (run) around all day.
4. My parents (joke) about something when I (enter) the room. They instantly (stop) and (pretend) they (do) something else.
5. I received a package from Korea in the mail. When I (open) it, I (find) a letter from my girlfriend and a couple of pictures.
6. While Pedro (organize) his jazz records, his sister Miranda (dust) off the turntables.
7. Steven (prefer) the science fiction stories he heard on the radio.
8. While his dad (tell) him the story of the Three Mosquitoes, Steven (fall) asleep, so his dad quietly (close) the book and silently (walk) out of the room.
9. Mike (run) down the stairs when his foot (catch) in one of the rails. Unfortunately, he (break) his knee and ankle.

6. Complete each sentence, using either the present progressive or the future progressive tense of the verb in parentheses.

EXAMPLE: Right now, I am playing. Tomorrow at this time, I *will be working* (work).

1. I will leave the university at three tomorrow. When I (arrive) at yoga class, my friends (wait) for me to begin the warm-up exercises.

2. ARCHIE: When do you leave for summer camp?

VANESSA: In a couple of days. Can you believe it? A week from now, I (sleep) under the stars. I (climb) mountains.

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3. ALFONSO: Are you going to be downtown next Saturday evening?

CATHERINE: No, I don't think so. I (stay) home to finish painting my living room.

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6. RICHARD: How will I reach you if your cell-phone battery goes dead?

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Answers

Answers may vary.

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