

When ...

When I went out, it was raining.

This sentence has two parts:

when I went out + **it was raining**

You can say:

- ☐ **When I went out**, it was raining. *or*
It was raining when I went out.

We write a comma (,) if **When ...** is at the beginning:

- ☐ { **When** you're tired, don't drive.
Don't drive **when** you're tired.
- ☐ { Heather was 25 **when** she got married.
When Heather got married, she was 25.



We do the same in sentences with **before/while/after**:

- ☐ { Always look both ways **before** you cross the street.
Before you cross the street, always look both ways.
- ☐ { **While** I was waiting for the bus, it began to rain.
It began to rain **while** I was waiting for the bus.
- ☐ { He never played football again **after** he broke his leg.
After he broke his leg, he never played football again.

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When I am ... / When I go ..., etc.

Next week Sarah is going to New York.
She has a friend, Hannah, who lives in New York,
but Hannah is also going away – to Mexico.
So they won't see each other in New York.

Hannah **will be** in Mexico **when** Sarah **is** in New York.

The time is *future* (**next week**), but we say:
... **when** Sarah **is** in New York.
(not when Sarah will be)



We use the *present* (**I am / I go**, etc.) with a *future meaning* after **when**:

- ☐ **When I get** home tonight, I'm going to take a shower.
(not When I will get home)
- ☐ I can't talk to you now. I'll talk to you later **when I have** more time.

We do the same after **before/while/after/until**:

- ☐ Please close the window **before** you **go** out.
(not before you will go)
- ☐ Rachel is going to stay in our apartment **while** we **are** away.
(not while we will be)
- ☐ I'll wait here **until** you **come** back.
(not until you will come back)

96.1 Write sentences beginning with **When**. Choose from the boxes.

When +

~~I went out~~
I'm tired
I knocked on the door
I go on vacation
the program ended
I got to the hotel

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I turned off the TV
I always go to the same place
there were no rooms
~~it was raining~~
there was no answer
I like to watch TV

- 1 When I went out, it was raining.
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96.2 Complete the sentences using the following:

somebody broke into the house before they came here when they heard the news
~~before they crossed the street~~ while they were away they didn't believe me
they went to live in France

- 1 They looked both ways before they crossed the street
- 2 They were very surprised
- 3 After they got married,
- 4 Their house was damaged in a storm
- 5 Where did they live
- 6 While we were asleep,
- 7 When I told them what happened,

96.3 Which is right?

- 1 ~~I stay~~ / I'll stay here until you come / ~~you'll come~~ back. (I'll stay, you come are right)
- 2 I'm going to bed when I finish / I'll finish my work.
- 3 We must do something before it's / it will be too late.
- 4 Lauren is moving away soon. I'm / I'll be very sad when she leaves / she'll leave.
- 5 Don't go out yet. Wait until the rain stops / will stop.
- 6 We come / We'll come and visit you when we're / we'll be in Toronto again.
- 7 When I come / I'll come to see you tomorrow, I bring / I'll bring our vacation photos.
- 8 I'm going to Quebec next week. I hope to see some friends of mine while I'm / I'll be there.
- 9 Let's go for a walk before it gets / it will get too dark.
- 10 I'm not ready yet. I tell / I'll tell you when I'm / I'll be ready.

96.4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

- 1 Can you close the window before you go out
- 2 What are you going to do when
- 3 When I have enough money,
- 4 I'll wait for you while
- 5 When I start my new job,
- 6 Will you be here when