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When Can I Use 'When'? (Past and Future Tenses)

1. Write 10 sentences using 'when' plus past continuous verbs. Use the following template to help you:

I/he/she etc. was ____ [past continuous] ____ when ____ [past simple] ____.

For example:

- I **was washing** the car when the phone **rang**.
- I **was emailing** my sister when a cat **jumped** onto my windowsill.

2. Write 10 sentences using 'when' for definite future plans:

I/he/she etc. will ____ [infinitive verb] ____ when ____ [present simple] ____.

For example:

- I will **help** you with your homework when I **finish** cleaning my room.
- I will **take** you swimming when your brother **gets** home from school.

3. Write 10 sentences using present perfect tense instead of present simple:

I/he/she etc. will ____ [infinitive verb] ____ when ____ [present perfect] ____.

For example:

- I will **do** the washing up when the kids **have finished** their breakfast.
- I will **look** for a new job when I've **got** time.

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