

## Is it 'when', or is it 'went'?

'When' and 'went' sound the same, so how can you tell which is the right one to use?

### Read this story

Yesterday I went to town on the bus. When I was waiting at the bus stop a lady came up to me and said, "Was it you who went to Caerphilly last week when it was raining hard? If it was you, I have your umbrella. You must have dropped it when the bus skidded to a stop!"

"I think it was me," I replied. "When I went to look for it in my bag, I couldn't find it. When would I be able to have it back? It is a very special umbrella, because I bought it when I went to New York."

"Here it is," said the lady. "I thought I might see you when I catch this bus!"

How many times has the word 'when' been used in the story?

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How many times has the word 'went' been used in the story?

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### When

'When' is used when we are talking about a time in the past

E.g. I met him when he was six.

or

When we ask what time something will happen.

E.g. When does this session finish?

**It might help to remember the group of question words:**

**Who, what, why, which, where, and WHEN!**

### Went

'Went' is the past tense of the verb 'go'.

I go to class on a Monday.

I went to class last Monday.

**Now try the exercises on the next page.**

## Is it 'when', or is it 'went'?

**Underline the correct word in each sentence or question.**

1. Went/When will you be going on holiday?
2. I when/went on holiday last month.
3. The tutor tells us went/when to have a break.
4. Last week, my whole family when/went to a restaurant for a birthday meal.
5. You can always tell went/when she is in a bad mood.
6. When/Went I when/went to town last week I when/went into Primark.
7. I hope I will understand these two words when/went I have finished this!
8. Sometimes, when/went it is quiet, you can hear the wind blowing in the trees.

## Is it 'when', or is it 'went'?

Put the word 'when' or 'went' in the spaces.

1. There is a time \_\_\_\_\_ everyone gets tired.
2. Last week, the whole class \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ everyone gets here, we will start the lesson.
4. I hate it \_\_\_\_\_ no-one turns up on time for important meetings.
5. I always try to be home \_\_\_\_\_ my daughter comes in from school.
6. I watched the girl as she \_\_\_\_\_ running across a busy road.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ to see my mother last week, we \_\_\_\_\_ to Starbucks for a coffee
8. \_\_\_\_\_ will I see you again?

