

Grade- VIII

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**ENGLISH**

**For and during**

We use *for* + a period of time to say *how long* something goes on:

*for two hours*                      *for ages*                      *for a week*

For example:

- We watched television for two hours last night.
- Victoria is going away for a week in September.
- Where have you been? I've been waiting for ages.
- Are you going away for the weekend?

We use *during* + noun to say when something happens (not how long):

*during the film*                      *during the night*                      *during our holiday*

For example:

- I fell asleep during the film.
- We met a lot of people during our holiday.
- The ground is wet. It must have rained during the night.

With a 'time word' (for example, the morning / the afternoon /the summer), you can usually say *in* or *during*:

- It must have rained in the night. (or ...during the night.)
- I'll phone you sometime during the afternoon. (or ...in the afternoon.)

You cannot use *during* to say how long something goes on:

- It rained for three days without stopping. (not during three days")

Compare *during* and *for*:

- fell asleep during the film. I was asleep for half an hour.

## During and while

Compare:

We use during + noun:

noun

- I fell asleep during the film.

Compare during and while in these examples:

- We met a lot of interesting people during our holiday.
- Robert suddenly began to feel ill during the examination.

We use while + subject + verb:

subject + verb

- I fell asleep while I was watching television.

- We met a lot of interesting people while we were on holiday.
- Robert suddenly began to feel ill while he was doing the examination.

Some more examples of while:

We saw Amanda while we were waiting for the bus.

While you were out, there was a phone call for you.

Christopher read a book while I watched television.

When you are talking about the future, use the present (not 'will') after while:

- I'll be in London next week. I hope to see Tom while I'm there. (not 'while I will be there')
- What are you going to do while you are waiting? (not 'while you will be waiting')

*Put in for or during.*

1. It rained for three days without stopping.
2. Sue was very angry with me. She didn't speak to me \_\_\_\_\_ a week
3. We usually go out at weekends, but we don't often go out \_\_\_\_\_ the week.
4. Jack started new job a few weeks ago. Before that he was out of work \_\_\_\_\_ six months.
5. I need a change. I think I'll go away \_\_\_\_\_ a few days.
6. The President gave a long speech. She spoke \_\_\_\_\_ two hours.
7. We were hungry when we arrived. We hadn't had anything to eat \_\_\_\_\_ the journey.
8. We were hungry when we arrived. We hadn't had anything to eat \_\_\_\_\_ eight hours

Put in *during* or *while*.

1. We met a lot of people **while** we were on holiday.
2. I had been away for many years \_\_\_\_\_ that time, many things had changed.
3. What did they say about me \_\_\_\_\_ I was out of the room?
4. Jack read a lot of books and magazines \_\_\_\_\_ he was ill.
5. I went out for dinner last night. Unfortunately, I began to feel ill \_\_\_\_\_ and to go home.
6. Please don't interrupt me \_\_\_\_\_ I'm speaking.
7. There were many interruptions \_\_\_\_\_ the President's speech.
8. Can you lay the table \_\_\_\_\_ I get the dinner ready?
9. We were hungry when we arrived. We hadn't had anything to eat \_\_\_\_\_ we were travelling.

**Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.**

1. I fell asleep while I was watching television.
2. I fell asleep during the film.
3. Don't open the car door while \_\_\_\_\_
4. The lights suddenly went out during \_\_\_\_\_
5. It started to rain during \_\_\_\_\_
6. It started to rain while \_\_\_\_\_