

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

It lasted **for** two hours. The festival went on **for** a week. I've waited **for** ages.

We use **during** + noun to say when something happens.

I fell asleep **during** the film. It rained **during** the night. **During** our break, we traveled.

With "time words" (morning, night, afternoon, summer) you can usually say **in** or **during**.

It must have rained **in** the night. It must have rained **during** the night.

I'll phone you **in** the afternoon. I'll phone you **during** the afternoon.

You can't use **during** to say how long something goes on.

It rained **for** three days without stopping. NOT It rained **during** three days without stopping.

Compare the use of **during** and **for**:

I fell asleep **during** the movie. I was asleep **for** almost an hour.

Compare the use of **during** and **while**.

I fell asleep **during** the film. I fell asleep **while** I was watching TV.

Notice **during** is followed by a **noun**, but **while** is followed by a **subject and verb**.

We met a lot of interesting people **during** our vacation.

We met a lot of interesting people **while** we were on vacation.

Robert suddenly began to feel sick **during** the exam.

Robert suddenly began to feel sick **while** he was taking the exam.

When talking about the future, use the present (not will) after while.

I hope to see William while I **am** in London. NOT I hope to see William while I **will be** in London.

Put **for** or **during** in the blanks.

1. Bob lived in Germany _____ World War II.
2. He has lived there _____ many years.
3. We were hungry because we had not eaten _____ several hours.
4. We were not allowed to eat _____ the ride to the station.
5. I plan on going away _____ a few days.
6. I plan on going away _____ the South by Southwest festival.

Put **during** or **while** in the blanks.

1. I ran into Mike _____ I was shopping.
2. Mike called _____ the concert, but I couldn't answer.
3. _____ the time I was away, a lot has changed.
4. _____ I was on vacation, I didn't read any newspapers.
5. Can you prepare the salad _____ I bake the chicken?
6. Don't bother her _____ her favorite TV program.
7. Don't bother her _____ her favorite TV program is on.

Complete these sentences.

1. I hurt my arm while _____
2. It started to rain during _____
3. Don't open the car door while _____
4. Most of the students looked bored during _____
5. Can you wait here while _____

Fill in the blanks with the vocabulary words from the OPD page 128-129.

1. I have some dirty clothes. They need washing. I need a _____.
2. I have to work. I have young children. I need to leave them in a nice _____.
3. My husband needs a haircut. Where is a _____.
4. I need to make copies of these papers. Where can I find a _____.
5. You can park on the street. Put your quarters in the _____.
6. Here comes the fire truck. They will attach their hoses to the _____.
7. The _____ at the corner shows the names of the streets at the intersection.
8. Be sure and stop when there are pedestrians in the _____.
9. Buy a newspaper at the _____.
10. I don't have a car. I ride to work on the _____.
11. I have to eat in a hurry. I will go to the _____ at the _____ and pick up a burger and fries.
12. I will get my prescription filled at the _____.
13. If you have a handicap sticker on your car you can park in the _____.
14. Put the letters in the _____.
15. The _____ sells hot dogs from his cart.
16. Let's rent some movies at the _____.
17. Wait at the _____ for the bus.
18. If you cross the street in the middle, you are _____.

Practice speaking-students take turn asking another student, "Why would you go to a _____." The other student then answers. See the example below.

Why would you go to a donut shop? I would go to buy a donut and a cup of coffee.

Discuss:

- What businesses are in your neighborhood?
- Which businesses do you go to most often?
- What do you think a mini-mart is?
- What is a main intersection near your home?