During, while and for

Decide whether the sentence names an event or measures a length of time.

Use **during** to say when something happened, before an event or period noun. Use **for** to say how long it continued, before a duration.

Worked example

She read a book **during** the flight.

Complete each gap with during or for.

01. El equipo tomó varias decisiones importantes durante la reunión.
The team made several important decisions _____ the meeting.

02. El equipo tomó varias decisiones importantes durante la sesión de planificación.
The team made several important decisions _____ the planning session.

03. El equipo tomó varias decisiones importantes durante la visita del director.
The team made several important decisions _____ the director’s visit.

04. El equipo tomó varias decisiones importantes durante el debate.
The team made several important decisions _____ the discussion.

05. Los trabajadores recibieron instrucciones de seguridad durante la orientación.
The workers received safety instructions _____ the induction.

06. Los trabajadores recibieron instrucciones de seguridad durante la inspección.
The workers received safety instructions _____ the inspection.

07. Los trabajadores recibieron instrucciones de seguridad durante la sesión informativa.
The workers received safety instructions _____ the briefing.

08. Los trabajadores recibieron instrucciones de seguridad durante la práctica.
The workers received safety instructions _____ the practice session.

09. La banda tocó tres canciones nuevas durante el concierto.
The band played three new songs _____ the concert.

10. La banda tocó tres canciones nuevas durante el ensayo general.
The band played three new songs _____ the dress rehearsal.

11. La banda tocó tres canciones nuevas durante el festival.
The band played three new songs _____ the festival.

12. La banda tocó tres canciones nuevas durante la actuación.
The band played three new songs _____ the performance.

13. El restaurante sirvió un menú especial durante las fiestas.
The restaurant served a special menu _____ the holidays.

14. El restaurante sirvió un menú especial durante el festival gastronómico.
The restaurant served a special menu _____ the food festival.

15. El restaurante sirvió un menú especial durante el fin de semana.
The restaurant served a special menu _____ the weekend.

16. El restaurante sirvió un menú especial durante la temporada de invierno.
The restaurant served a special menu _____ the winter season.

17. Los estudiantes hicieron un descanso durante el examen.
The students took a break _____ the exam.

18. Los estudiantes hicieron un descanso durante la clase de ciencias.
The students took a break _____ the science lesson.

19. Los estudiantes hicieron un descanso durante el taller.
The students took a break _____ the workshop.

20. Los estudiantes hicieron un descanso durante la excursión.
The students took a break _____ the school trip.

During or for

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. La tienda estuvo cerrada dos días.
The shop was closed _____ two days.

22. La tienda estuvo cerrada una semana.
The shop was closed _____ a week.

23. La tienda estuvo cerrada un mes.
The shop was closed _____ a month.

24. La tienda estuvo cerrada varias horas.
The shop was closed _____ several hours.

25. El viaje en ferry duró cuarenta minutos.
The ferry trip lasted _____ forty minutes.

26. El viaje en ferry duró dos horas.
The ferry trip lasted _____ two hours.

27. El viaje en ferry duró toda la noche.
The ferry trip lasted _____ the whole night.

28. El viaje en ferry duró casi un día.
The ferry trip lasted _____ nearly a day.

29. Esperé fuera del centro deportivo diez minutos.
I waited outside the sports centre _____ ten minutes.

30. Esperé fuera del centro deportivo media hora.
I waited outside the sports centre _____ half an hour.

31. Esperé fuera del centro deportivo una hora.
I waited outside the sports centre _____ an hour.

32. Esperé fuera del centro deportivo casi dos horas.
I waited outside the sports centre _____ nearly two hours.

33. El ordenador no funcionó unos minutos.
The computer did not work _____ a few minutes.

34. El ordenador no funcionó una hora.
The computer did not work _____ an hour.

35. El ordenador no funcionó dos días.
The computer did not work _____ two days.

36. El ordenador no funcionó casi una semana.
The computer did not work _____ nearly a week.

37. Nos quedamos en casa de nuestros amigos una noche.
We stayed at our friends' house _____ one night.

38. Nos quedamos en casa de nuestros amigos tres noches.
We stayed at our friends' house _____ three nights.

39. Nos quedamos en casa de nuestros amigos cinco días.
We stayed at our friends' house _____ five days.

40. Nos quedamos en casa de nuestros amigos dos semanas.
We stayed at our friends' house _____ two weeks.

Answer key

Complete sentences. The word that completes the gap is in bold.

01. The team made several important decisions **during** the meeting.
02. The team made several important decisions **during** the planning session.
03. The team made several important decisions **during** the director’s visit.
04. The team made several important decisions **during** the discussion.
05. The workers received safety instructions **during** the induction.
06. The workers received safety instructions **during** the inspection.
07. The workers received safety instructions **during** the briefing.
08. The workers received safety instructions **during** the practice session.
09. The band played three new songs **during** the concert.
10. The band played three new songs **during** the dress rehearsal.
11. The band played three new songs **during** the festival.
12. The band played three new songs **during** the performance.
13. The restaurant served a special menu **during** the holidays.
14. The restaurant served a special menu **during** the food festival.
15. The restaurant served a special menu **during** the weekend.
16. The restaurant served a special menu **during** the winter season.
17. The students took a break **during** the exam.
18. The students took a break **during** the science lesson.
19. The students took a break **during** the workshop.
20. The students took a break **during** the school trip.
21. The shop was closed **for** two days.
22. The shop was closed **for** a week.
23. The shop was closed **for** a month.
24. The shop was closed **for** several hours.
25. The ferry trip lasted **for** forty minutes.
26. The ferry trip lasted **for** two hours.
27. The ferry trip lasted **for** the whole night.
28. The ferry trip lasted **for** nearly a day.
29. I waited outside the sports centre **for** ten minutes.
30. I waited outside the sports centre **for** half an hour.
31. I waited outside the sports centre **for** an hour.
32. I waited outside the sports centre **for** nearly two hours.
33. The computer did not work **for** a few minutes.
34. The computer did not work **for** an hour.
35. The computer did not work **for** two days.
36. The computer did not work **for** nearly a week.
37. We stayed at our friends’ house **for** one night.
38. We stayed at our friends’ house **for** three nights.
39. We stayed at our friends’ house **for** five days.
40. We stayed at our friends’ house **for** two weeks.