During, while and for

Choose the form that fits both the sentence structure and the time meaning.

Review **during + noun phrase**, **while + clause** and **for + duration**.

Worked example

The lights went out **during** the performance.

Complete each gap with the correct word.

01. La carretera quedó bloqueada durante la nevada.
The road was blocked _____ the snowfall.

02. La carretera quedó bloqueada durante la tormenta.
The road was blocked _____ the storm.

03. La carretera quedó bloqueada durante las obras.
The road was blocked _____ the roadworks.

04. La carretera quedó bloqueada durante el desfile.
The road was blocked _____ the parade.

05. Hablé con la encargada durante mi visita.
I spoke to the manager _____ my visit.

06. Hablé con la encargada durante la pausa.
I spoke to the manager _____ the break.

07. Hablé con la encargada durante la reunión.
I spoke to the manager _____ the meeting.

08. Hablé con la encargada durante la inspección.
I spoke to the manager _____ the inspection.

09. Hubo un corte de electricidad durante la noche.
There was a power cut _____ the night.

10. Hubo un corte de electricidad durante la cena.
There was a power cut _____ dinner.

11. Hubo un corte de electricidad durante la clase.
There was a power cut _____ the lesson.

12. Hubo un corte de electricidad durante la función.
There was a power cut _____ the performance.

13. Encontramos una cafetería tranquila mientras recorríamos el centro.
We found a quiet café _____ we were exploring the centre.

14. Encontramos una cafetería tranquila mientras volvíamos de la playa.
We found a quiet café _____ we were walking back from the beach.

15. Encontramos una cafetería tranquila mientras buscábamos la estación.
We found a quiet café _____ we were looking for the station.

16. Encontramos una cafetería tranquila mientras paseábamos junto al río.
We found a quiet café _____ we were walking by the river.

17. La cámara dejó de grabar mientras filmábamos la llegada.
The camera stopped recording _____ we were filming the arrival.

18. La cámara dejó de grabar mientras grababa la entrevista.
The camera stopped recording _____ I was recording the interview.

19. La cámara dejó de grabar mientras enfocaban el escenario.
The camera stopped recording _____ they were focusing on the stage.

20. La cámara dejó de grabar mientras el fotógrafo cambiaba la batería.
The camera stopped recording _____ the photographer was changing the battery.

Mixed practice

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. La oficina recibió tres llamadas mientras el equipo almorzaba.
The office received three calls _____ the team was having lunch.

22. La oficina recibió tres llamadas mientras la recepcionista atendía a una visita.
The office received three calls _____ the receptionist was helping a visitor.

23. La oficina recibió tres llamadas mientras todos preparaban el informe.
The office received three calls _____ everyone was preparing the report.

24. La oficina recibió tres llamadas mientras la directora hablaba con un cliente.
The office received three calls _____ the manager was talking to a client.

25. La exposición permanecerá abierta tres semanas.
The exhibition will remain open _____ three weeks.

26. La exposición permanecerá abierta dos meses.
The exhibition will remain open _____ two months.

27. La exposición permanecerá abierta todo el verano.
The exhibition will remain open _____ the whole summer.

28. La exposición permanecerá abierta un año.
The exhibition will remain open _____ a year.

29. El mecánico revisó los frenos media hora.
The mechanic checked the brakes _____ half an hour.

30. El mecánico revisó los frenos una hora.
The mechanic checked the brakes _____ an hour.

31. El mecánico revisó los frenos dos horas.
The mechanic checked the brakes _____ two hours.

32. El mecánico revisó los frenos casi toda la mañana.
The mechanic checked the brakes _____ almost the whole morning.

33. El vuelo se retrasó quince minutos.
The flight was delayed _____ fifteen minutes.

34. El vuelo se retrasó una hora.
The flight was delayed _____ an hour.

35. El vuelo se retrasó tres horas.
The flight was delayed _____ three hours.

36. El vuelo se retrasó casi todo el día.
The flight was delayed _____ almost the whole day.

37. La familia vivió en el extranjero seis meses.
The family lived abroad _____ six months.

38. La familia vivió en el extranjero dos años.
The family lived abroad _____ two years.

39. La familia vivió en el extranjero cinco años.
The family lived abroad _____ five years.

40. La familia vivió en el extranjero una década.
The family lived abroad _____ a decade.

Answer key

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

01. The road was blocked **during** the snowfall.
02. The road was blocked **during** the storm.
03. The road was blocked **during** the roadworks.
04. The road was blocked **during** the parade.
05. I spoke to the manager **during** my visit.
06. I spoke to the manager **during** the break.
07. I spoke to the manager **during** the meeting.
08. I spoke to the manager **during** the inspection.
09. There was a power cut **during** the night.
10. There was a power cut **during** dinner.
11. There was a power cut **during** the lesson.
12. There was a power cut **during** the performance.
13. We found a quiet café **while** we were exploring the centre.
14. We found a quiet café **while** we were walking back from the beach.
15. We found a quiet café **while** we were looking for the station.
16. We found a quiet café **while** we were walking by the river.
17. The camera stopped recording **while** we were filming the arrival.
18. The camera stopped recording **while** I was recording the interview.
19. The camera stopped recording **while** they were focusing on the stage.
20. The camera stopped recording **while** the photographer was changing the battery.
21. The office received three calls **while** the team was having lunch.
22. The office received three calls **while** the receptionist was helping a visitor.
23. The office received three calls **while** everyone was preparing the report.
24. The office received three calls **while** the manager was talking to a client.
25. The exhibition will remain open **for** three weeks.
26. The exhibition will remain open **for** two months.
27. The exhibition will remain open **for** the whole summer.
28. The exhibition will remain open **for** a year.
29. The mechanic checked the brakes **for** half an hour.
30. The mechanic checked the brakes **for** an hour.
31. The mechanic checked the brakes **for** two hours.
32. The mechanic checked the brakes **for** almost the whole morning.
33. The flight was delayed **for** fifteen minutes.
34. The flight was delayed **for** an hour.
35. The flight was delayed **for** three hours.
36. The flight was delayed **for** almost the whole day.
37. The family lived abroad **for** six months.
38. The family lived abroad **for** two years.
39. The family lived abroad **for** five years.
40. The family lived abroad **for** a decade.