# During, while and for

## Apply the three patterns in new contexts.

Remember: **during + noun phrase**; **while + subject and verb**; **for + duration**.

**Worked example**

The baby slept **while** we were travelling.

**Complete each gap with the correct word.**

**01.** El personal anunció los cambios durante la reunión.
The staff announced the changes _____ the meeting.

**02.** El personal anunció los cambios durante la pausa.
The staff announced the changes _____ the break.

**03.** El personal anunció los cambios durante la visita guiada.
The staff announced the changes _____ the guided tour.

**04.** El personal anunció los cambios durante el viaje.
The staff announced the changes _____ the journey.

**05.** La alarma empezó a sonar mientras cerrábamos la tienda.
The alarm started ringing _____ we were closing the shop.

**06.** La alarma empezó a sonar mientras los vecinos dormían.
The alarm started ringing _____ the neighbours were sleeping.

**07.** La alarma empezó a sonar mientras el técnico revisaba el panel.
The alarm started ringing _____ the technician was checking the panel.

**08.** La alarma empezó a sonar mientras preparaba el desayuno.
The alarm started ringing _____ I was making breakfast.

**09.** El sendero permaneció cerrado dos días.
The path remained closed _____ two days.

**10.** El sendero permaneció cerrado una semana.
The path remained closed _____ a week.

**11.** El sendero permaneció cerrado varias horas.
The path remained closed _____ several hours.

**12.** El sendero permaneció cerrado todo el invierno.
The path remained closed _____ the whole winter.

**13.** Vimos una bandada de aves durante la travesía.
We saw a flock of birds _____ the crossing.

**14.** Vimos una bandada de aves durante el paseo por la costa.
We saw a flock of birds _____ the walk along the coast.

**15.** Vimos una bandada de aves durante la excursión.
We saw a flock of birds _____ the hike.

**16.** Vimos una bandada de aves durante las primeras horas de la mañana.
We saw a flock of birds _____ the early morning.

**17.** Se me cayó el vaso mientras ponía la mesa.
I dropped the glass _____ I was setting the table.

**18.** Se me cayó el vaso mientras lavaba los platos.
I dropped the glass _____ I was washing the dishes.

**19.** Se me cayó el vaso mientras hablaba con mi hermano.
I dropped the glass _____ I was talking to my brother.

**20.** Se me cayó el vaso mientras servía el agua.
I dropped the glass _____ I was pouring the water.

## Final review

**Continue. Complete only the gap in English.**

**21.** La biblioteca abrió los sábados dos meses.
The library opened on Saturdays _____ two months.

**22.** La biblioteca abrió los sábados todo el verano.
The library opened on Saturdays _____ the whole summer.

**23.** La biblioteca abrió los sábados tres semanas.
The library opened on Saturdays _____ three weeks.

**24.** La biblioteca abrió los sábados un año.
The library opened on Saturdays _____ a year.

**25.** El equipo hizo varias pruebas durante el desarrollo.
The team ran several tests _____ development.

**26.** El equipo hizo varias pruebas durante la inspección.
The team ran several tests _____ the inspection.

**27.** El equipo hizo varias pruebas durante el ensayo.
The team ran several tests _____ the rehearsal.

**28.** El equipo hizo varias pruebas durante la noche.
The team ran several tests _____ the night.

**29.** La puerta se cerró de golpe mientras entrábamos en la casa.
The door slammed shut _____ we were entering the house.

**30.** La puerta se cerró de golpe mientras soplaba el viento.
The door slammed shut _____ the wind was blowing.

**31.** La puerta se cerró de golpe mientras los niños jugaban fuera.
The door slammed shut _____ the children were playing outside.

**32.** La puerta se cerró de golpe mientras yo subía las escaleras.
The door slammed shut _____ I was going upstairs.

**33.** El fotógrafo esperó a que mejorara la luz unos minutos.
The photographer waited for the light to improve _____ a few minutes.

**34.** El fotógrafo esperó a que mejorara la luz media hora.
The photographer waited for the light to improve _____ half an hour.

**35.** El fotógrafo esperó a que mejorara la luz casi dos horas.
The photographer waited for the light to improve _____ nearly two hours.

**36.** El fotógrafo esperó a que mejorara la luz toda la mañana.
The photographer waited for the light to improve _____ the whole morning.

**37.** La tienda permaneció abierta hasta tarde durante el festival.
The shop stayed open late _____ the festival.

**38.** La tienda permaneció abierta hasta tarde durante las fiestas.
The shop stayed open late _____ the holidays.

**39.** La tienda permaneció abierta hasta tarde durante el fin de semana.
The shop stayed open late _____ the weekend.

**40.** La tienda permaneció abierta hasta tarde durante la temporada turística.
The shop stayed open late _____ the tourist season.

## Answer key

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

**01.** The staff announced the changes **during** the meeting.
**02.** The staff announced the changes **during** the break.
**03.** The staff announced the changes **during** the guided tour.
**04.** The staff announced the changes **during** the journey.
**05.** The alarm started ringing **while** we were closing the shop.
**06.** The alarm started ringing **while** the neighbours were sleeping.
**07.** The alarm started ringing **while** the technician was checking the panel.
**08.** The alarm started ringing **while** I was making breakfast.
**09.** The path remained closed **for** two days.
**10.** The path remained closed **for** a week.
**11.** The path remained closed **for** several hours.
**12.** The path remained closed **for** the whole winter.
**13.** We saw a flock of birds **during** the crossing.
**14.** We saw a flock of birds **during** the walk along the coast.
**15.** We saw a flock of birds **during** the hike.
**16.** We saw a flock of birds **during** the early morning.
**17.** I dropped the glass **while** I was setting the table.
**18.** I dropped the glass **while** I was washing the dishes.
**19.** I dropped the glass **while** I was talking to my brother.
**20.** I dropped the glass **while** I was pouring the water.
**21.** The library opened on Saturdays **for** two months.
**22.** The library opened on Saturdays **for** the whole summer.
**23.** The library opened on Saturdays **for** three weeks.
**24.** The library opened on Saturdays **for** a year.
**25.** The team ran several tests **during** development.
**26.** The team ran several tests **during** the inspection.
**27.** The team ran several tests **during** the rehearsal.
**28.** The team ran several tests **during** the night.
**29.** The door slammed shut **while** we were entering the house.
**30.** The door slammed shut **while** the wind was blowing.
**31.** The door slammed shut **while** the children were playing outside.
**32.** The door slammed shut **while** I was going upstairs.
**33.** The photographer waited for the light to improve **for** a few minutes.
**34.** The photographer waited for the light to improve **for** half an hour.
**35.** The photographer waited for the light to improve **for** nearly two hours.
**36.** The photographer waited for the light to improve **for** the whole morning.
**37.** The shop stayed open late **during** the festival.
**38.** The shop stayed open late **during** the holidays.
**39.** The shop stayed open late **during** the weekend.
**40.** The shop stayed open late **during** the tourist season.