

While -vs- During (1 Answers)

While is generally followed by a *verb*, often the *verb+ing* action and refers to something happening when this verb is being done. This verb is the main action that is being done.

*The phone rang **while** I was taking a shower. (showering is the main action)*
*I almost always listen to music **while** exercising. (exercising is the main action)*

During is generally followed by a *noun* and refers to some action that happens when this noun is happening.

*Some noisy people kept talking **during** the movie. (the movie is “happening”)*
*My roof was damaged **during** the hurricane. (the hurricane was “happening”)*

1. Billy played a lot of sports during high school.
2. During Kimiko’s 3-month stay in America, she gained 10kg. She gained the most weight while staying in New York.
3. Judy always sings while taking a shower.
4. Why are vegetables always so expensive during winter?
5. While I was living in California, I went to the beach almost every day.
6. I like to listen to classical music while studying for exams. It helps me concentrate.
7. During his Presidency, Mr. Obama did many great things.
8. People will probably visit Mars during our lifetime. I’d love to go.
9. Nowadays, most people use their smartphones while commuting on the train, and almost no one reads books during their commute anymore.
10. We were hiding under a shop canopy during the crazy rain storm.
11. Henry was arrested for drinking alcohol while driving.
12. While watching horror movies, Amy always hides behind her pillow.
13. Ichiro got over 200 hits each year during his first 10 seasons in the MLB.
14. Everyone was silent during the piano performance.
15. We all cheered loudly while the dancers were dancing.
16. I often drink a glass of wine while cooking dinner and then finish the bottle during dinner.
17. There was a lot of turbulence during the long flight to LA.
18. Gina put on her make-up while her husband drove the car. Then she got out and went into the restaurant while he parked it.
19. The big earthquake hit while I was working. During the quake, I stayed calm, while everyone else in the office was panicking.
20. Bill loves TV dramas and almost always eats dinner while watching TV. He even watches it during his evening bath and keeps it on all night while he sleeps.