

While -vs- During (2 Answers)

While is generally followed by a verb action (usually verbing) and refers to something happening when this verb is being done. This 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.
My roof was damaged **during** the hurricane.*

Fill in the blank spaces with **while** or **during** to complete the sentences:

1. The tornado hit while Brenda was taking a shower.
2. It started snowing during the marathon. The runners looked really, really, cold while running it.
3. Eric crashed his car when he was texting while driving.
4. Bob always just watches TV while his wife cooks dinner.
During dinner he just watches TV and doesn't talk to her, and after dinner he just watches TV while she washes the dishes.
5. Do you think people will live on the moon during your lifetime?
6. While in line for bread, staff came by and gave us free samples.
7. During the wait in line for bread, we were given free samples.
8. Leo was attacked by a shark while he was on his surfboard.
9. During their honeymoon, Tim and Tina had a huge fight while they were at a luau. While Tina was at the bar getting drinks, Tim started dancing with another woman!
10. Judy went into the restaurant while I parked the car.
11. During hay fever season, it's hard to enjoy a movie theater because everyone is always sneezing and coughing while watching the movie.
12. Jimmy kept talking during class and the teacher made him stand in the corner while the other kids played games.
13. Alice's family moved a lot during her childhood.
14. Many residents will leave the city while the Olympics are being held 'cuz it will be so crowded during the games.
15. A number of people are suffering heat stroke during this extreme heat wave. Also, many are having to keep the air-conditioner on while sleeping.