

While -vs- During (2)

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