

While -vs- During (1)

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”)*

Put **while** or **during** in the spaces below to complete the sentences:

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