

before after during while

A

Before, during, and after



before the movie



during the movie



after the movie

- Everybody feels nervous **before** a test.
- I fell asleep **during** the movie.
- We were tired **after** our visit to the museum.

B

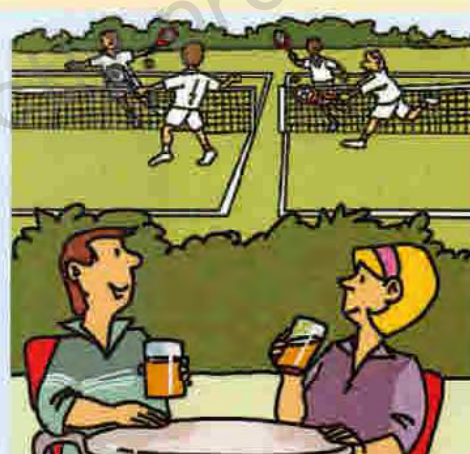
Before, while, and after



before we played



while we were playing



after we played

- Don't forget to close the window **before** you go out.
- I often fall asleep **while** I'm reading.
- They watched TV **after** they did the dishes.

C

During, while, and for

We use **during** + *noun* (during **the movie**). We use **while** + *verb* (while **I'm reading**):

- We didn't speak **during** the meal.

but We didn't speak **while** we were eating. (*not* during we were eating)

Use **for** (*not* during) + *a period of time* (**three days** / **two hours** / **a year**, etc.):

- We played basketball **for** two hours. (*not* during two hours)
- I lived in Florida **for** a year. (*not* during a year)

D

You can use **before/after** + *-ing* (**before going** / **after eating**, etc.):

- I always have breakfast **before going** to work. (= before I go to work)
- **After doing** the dishes, they watched TV. (= after they did)

Remember: We say **before going** (*not* before to go), **after doing** (*not* after to do), etc.:

- **Before eating** the apple, I washed it carefully. (*not* before to eat)
- I started work **after reading** the newspaper. (*not* after to read)

106.1 Complete the sentences. Choose from the boxes.

after
before

during
while

+

lunch
the concert
the course

the end
~~the test~~
the night

they went to Mexico
you're waiting

- Everybody was nervous before the test.
- I usually work four hours in the morning and another three hours _____.
- The movie was really boring. We left _____.
- Anna went to night school to learn German. She learned a lot _____.
- My aunt and uncle lived in Chicago _____.
- A: Somebody broke a window _____ . Did you hear anything?
B: No, I was asleep all the time.
- Would you like to sit down _____ ?
- "Are you going home _____ ?" "Yes, I have to get up early tomorrow."

106.2 Write during/while/for.

- We didn't speak while we were eating.
- We didn't speak during the meal.
- Gary called _____ you were out.
- I stayed in Rome _____ five days.
- Sally didn't read any newspapers _____ she was on vacation.
- The students looked very bored _____ the class.
- I fell out of bed _____ I was asleep.
- Last night I watched TV _____ three hours.
- I don't usually watch TV _____ the day.
- Do you ever watch TV _____ you are having dinner?

106.3 Complete the sentences. Use -ing (doing, having, etc.).

- After doing the dishes, they watched TV.
- I felt sick after _____ too much chocolate.
- I'm going to ask you a question. Think carefully before _____ it.
- I felt awful when I got up this morning. I felt better after _____ a shower.
- After _____ my work, I left the office and went home.
- Before _____ to a foreign country, you should try and learn a little of the language.

106.4 Write sentences with before + -ing and after + -ing.

- They did the dishes. Then they watched TV.
After doing the dishes, they watched TV.
- John finished high school. Then he worked in a bookstore for two years.
John worked _____
- I read for a few minutes. Then I went to sleep.
Before _____
- We walked for three hours. We were very tired.
After _____
- Let's have a cup of coffee. Then we'll go out.
Let's _____