



Prepositions of Time 2

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Exercise 1 – Learning

Prepositions of time in this lesson: **during, for, until, before/after**

During + [event]

Use '**during**' before nouns to describe some point in time in an event.

- She was born **during** a snowstorm.
- He fell asleep **during** the meeting.
- We did not talk **during** the movie.

For + [length of time]

Use '**for**' to talk about how long/how much time something lasted.

- The baby cried **for** ten minutes.



Until

Use '**until**' to talk about something that happens up to a certain point in time:

- The baby cried **until** morning.

'**Until**' is often used with a negative verb to emphasize the length of an action:

- The baby did **not** stop crying **until** morning.

Before and After

Use the preposition '**before**' to talk about something that happens earlier than something else.

- She was born **before** sunrise.

Use the preposition '**after**' to talk about something that happens later than something else.

- She cried **after** she was born.



Before/After + [action]

We can use '**before**' and '**after**' with an action. Put the verb in the gerund form:

- After **taking** a shower, I go to work.
- Before **going** to work, I take a shower.

Tip: The gerund form (**-ing**) of a verb allows it to act like a noun.



Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

1. Megan drinks coffee _____ waking up.

- a) after
- b) before

2. She works from 9:00 to 17:00. She works _____ 8 hours.

- a) for
- b) until

3. He cooks dinner _____ taking the bus home.

- a) during
- b) before

4. Peter eats dinner _____ the show.

- a) during
- b) for



5. She doesn't sleep _____ midnight.

- a) until
- b) during

6. She is awake _____ midnight.

- a) for
- b) before

7. They sleep _____ 7 hours.

- a) for
- b) during

8. They didn't pick up the phone _____ it rang 10 times.

- a) until
- b) for



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: I sleep. → I sleep for 8 hours.

Content:

1. I walk my dog.
2. I buy clothes.
3. I go to work.
4. I cook.
5. I call my friend.
6. I wash the dishes.