

Complete the following sentences with while or during.

1. I watched several movies the summer vacation.

during

while

Either could be used here

During is a preposition. It is followed by a noun. While is a conjunction. It is followed by a clause.

2. I met Harry my stay in Germany.

during

while

Either could be used here

3. My grandfather was in hospital the winter.

during

while

Either could be used here

During is used to say when something happens.

4. I will phone you the meeting.

during

while

Either could be used here

5. I learned German I was working in Germany.

during

while

Either could be used here

While is a conjunction. It is followed by a clause.

6. It happened I was away.

while

during

Either could be used here

While is a conjunction. It is used to connect two clauses.

7. The shop is closed the whole of June.

during

while

Either could be used here

We prefer during to talk about the whole of the period.

8. I met Alice I was working in Seoul.

during

while

Either could be used here

We use while to connect two clauses.

9. It happened the summer.

during

while

Either could be used here

We use during before a noun that acts as its object.

10. It rained the night.

during

while

Either could be used here

11. I fell asleep I was watching the film.

during

while

Either could be used here

Here 'while' connects the two clauses I fell asleep and I was watching the film.

12. I met some wonderful people my stay in France.

during

while

Either could be used here

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Answers

1. I watched several movies during the summer vacation.
2. I met Harry during my stay in Germany.
3. My grandfather was in hospital during the winter.
4. I will phone you during the meeting.
5. I learned German while I was working in Germany.
6. It happened while I was away.
7. The shop is closed during the whole of June.
8. I met Alice while I was working in Seoul.
9. It happened during the summer.
10. It rained during the night.
11. I fell asleep while I was watching the film.
12. I met some wonderful people during my stay in France.