

LAS PREPOSICIONES DE TIEMPO “DURING”, “FOR”, “SINCE”, “AGO”, “BY” Y “UNTIL”

“**During**” (durante, mientras) dice cuándo ocurre algo:

My friend was in hospital during the summer.

Cuando ocurre durante un periodo de tiempo concreto se puede utilizar “during” e “in” indistintamente:

We'll be on holiday during / in August.

I woke up during / in the night.

Pero se usa “during”, y no “in”, cuando hablamos de algo que sucede entre el principio y el fin de una actividad, no de un periodo de tiempo.

I'll try to phone you during the meeting.

~~I'll try to phone you in the meeting.~~

“**For**” (para, por, durante, desde hace) dice cuánto dura algo utilizando un periodo en el tiempo:

My friend was in hospital for six weeks.

“**Since**” (desde, desde que, puesto que) dice cuánto dura algo utilizando un momento en el tiempo:

My friend has been in hospital since September.

“**Ago**” (hace) se usa cuando hablamos de un momento atrás en el tiempo.

Se coloca tras una expresión de tiempo:

It all happened a long time ago.

How long ago did you arrive?

El tiempo debe ir en pasado simple o continuo, no en un tiempo perfecto.

He called a few minutes ago. ~~He has called a few minutes ago.~~

She was waiting here an hour ago. ~~She has waited here an hour ago.~~

“By” (no más tarde de, por, junto a...) se usa para hablar de una acción que ocurrirá antes o durante un momento futuro determinado.

You'll have to leave by Monday morning.

Como preposición de tiempo, “by” suele significar “no más tarde de”.

“Until” (hasta, hasta que) se emplea para hablar de una situación que durará hasta un momento determinado.

Can I stay here until the weekend?

The shop's closed until August.

Ejercicios:

It rained the night two or three hours.

..... the end of the year, the budget must be finished.

We'll go on vacation the summer.

Elvis composed that song a long time

May I wait here she's back?

I've known her January.

I studied the guitar three years.

This homework has to be done tomorrow afternoon.

That house has been empty six weeks.

She'll write her new book March.

We go away three weeks every summer.

I've been waiting ten o'clock.

I'll see you a few minutes the afternoon.

We didn't start eating he came to the restaurant.

My boss will be in Italy the next two weeks.

Don't call me the tennis match.

We traveled to Ireland five years