

22 Prepositions of time (2)



London **FILM**FESTIVAL

Classic films of the 1920s:

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Wednesday 10 March at 7 p.m.

- Drinks before the film
- Neil Brand plays the piano during the film
- Talk after the show by the Director of the National Film Theatre

1 before, after

We use *before* and *after* with

- times:

*Let's meet **before** 7.00. The film starts then.*

*Train tickets are cheaper **after** 9.30 in the morning.*

- events/situations:

*There will be drinks **before the film**. Let's watch TV **after dinner**.*

*My grandmother was born **before the war**. I can meet you **after work**.*

before and after + -ing form ➤ Unit 95.1

2 by, for, during

We use *by* to mean 'not later than':

*Please give me your homework **by Friday**. (on or before Friday)*

*The holiday will be cheaper if we book it **by 30 April**. (on or before 30 April)*

*The meeting is on Wednesday so I'll finish the report **by then**.*

We use *for* + a period of time:

for an hour, two days, three weeks

It means 'the whole time':

*We waited **for the bus for an hour**.*



We use *during* + an event or situation:

during the flight, the winter, the war

*Neil Brand plays the piano **during the film**.*

*Uncle Andy called us **during supper** with some bad news.*

Compare *during* and *for*:

*I only slept **for half an hour during** the flight.*

*It rained **for two days during** our holiday.*



~~*X I go to classes **during three hours in the afternoon**.*~~

*✓ I go to classes **for three hours in the afternoon**.*

for with present perfect ➤ Unit 53.1

Practice

- 1 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Look at the flight information board.
Use the information below to complete it.

DEPARTURES	ARRIVALS
08.55 (0) <i>BC218 Edinburgh</i>	09.05 LT079 FRANKFURT
09.10 AC1525 MONTREAL	(5) AF1062 PARIS
09.15 DA729 MADRID	09.15 (6)
09.25 PA1921 (1)	09.30 BA9193 JOHANNESBURG
09.35 LT200 FRANKFURT	09.35 DA738 MUNICH
09.45 DA1910 MILAN	09.55 AA0107 TANGIER
09.50 PA8310 MONTEVIDEO	10.10 (7)
(2) (3)	10.25 (8)
10.20 (4)	10.35 DA661 ATHENS

Only one flight leaves the airport before 9 o'clock in the morning, the BC218 to Edinburgh.

There are two flights for North America before 9.30, for Montreal and New York.

Only two flights leave between 10.00 and 10.30, the AF1063 to Paris, and ten minutes before that the SAS202 to Stockholm.

Two flights arrive from Paris after 9.00: BA5634 arrives five minutes after the Air France flight.

There are two arrivals from the United States: BA4242 from Miami first at 10.10, then PA2190 from Dallas fifteen minutes after that.

- 2 Choose the correct words in *italics*.

- If you aren't doing anything this evening, let's go to the cinema *during* / *(after)* work.
- The flight's at 8.00 a.m. so we'll have to get up *after* / *before* 6.00 to get to the airport.
- The last date for your project is 25 March. Please give it to your teacher *by* / *after* then.
- Mike had a bad accident *during* / *for* his holiday and was in hospital *during* / *for* two weeks.
- Everything smells very fresh *before* / *after* rain.
- Please don't talk *for* / *during* the exam.
- We'll send out the interview letters *by* / *after* the weekend, so you'll hear early next week.

- 3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Complete the text with the correct words from the box.

after before by during during for for

The Rocks Hotel

has welcomed visitors (0) *for* 25 years.

The following information will help you to have an enjoyable stay:

- The restaurant is open from 6.30 until 9.30 p.m. if you would like an evening meal (1) this time, please call 135.
- Breakfast is served between 6.30 and 9.00 a.m. If you would like breakfast in your room, please hang the menu card on your door (2) 2.00 a.m.
- Reception is closed from 11.30 p.m. to 6.00 a.m. If you need a doctor (3) the night, please call 100.
- We ask guests to leave their rooms by 11.00 a.m. If you wish to keep your room later than this, please let us know (4) 9.00 a.m.

**** SPECIAL SPRING OFFER**** (5) the months of March and April, stay (6) two nights and have dinner here, get the third night FREE!