



Activity: Referring to Past Time



Fill in the blanks with: **During, In, Ago, Since, For, From, While, or As**. Sometimes there is more than one correct answer possible.

1. Ever ___ Raymond peeked at Yoshi's paper during the midterm exam, guilt has consumed him. Everywhere he looks he sees the accusing eyes of Dr. Edwards, his instructor.
2. Namo opened the door of her cluttered refrigerator, which caused some yogurt to fall to the floor. The mess spread on the floor ___ Nemo yelled and swore.
3. Gabriel loves to walk his friends' dogs in the park ___ his days off. Beautiful women, Gabriel has learned, gravitate toward guys with cute dogs.
4. Jerome found the pressure from the gas in his stomach unbearable. Although he didn't want to be rude in the middle of Prof. Eckert's class, an explosive belch erupted from his mouth ___ several seconds.
5. Jill left work early to study today. All that he can think about, though, is Yujong, the cute sales associate who worked with him in his summer job months ___.
6. ___ chewing the tough, whole-grain bread bought from the health food store, Brenda tried to enjoy her lunch. Fantasizing about a juicy cheeseburger on a soft white bun didn't improve the tasteless soy product.
7. My dog Fuzz loves to sleep in inconvenient places. Lately he prefers the computer table and sleeps there ___ thunderstorms, when he is afraid to sleep on the floor.
8. ___ my childhood we often heard the sound of the ice-cream man's bell, but we didn't always have enough money to buy anything. Sometimes I could collect bottles in the summer months, but not always.
9. ___ his army service many years ago, John had to do pushups every morning. But ___ that time he hasn't done any even though he is getting fat from eating too much samgyupsal.
10. Peering around the heads of the other students already in line, Hanna tried to see the lunch choices. The cafeteria selections were disappointing. She had eaten the same boring things already ___ four months.
11. ___ she couldn't wait for lunch, Grace tried to open a big bag of candy. Finally, the tough plastic split open, causing an explosion of bright candies that bounced and rolled around the floor ___ the trainees laughed.
12. Allan spent all of his savings on a diamond ring to give to his girlfriend, a greedy young woman who had a box full of expensive trinkets from ex-boyfriends. But ___ that day on, she would regret treating her boyfriends so cruelly.
13. ___ my vacation in the USA, I would like to eat lots of pistachios. ___ I was a little child I have loved pistachios. I used to own a pistachio-colored car. I think I will name my first son 'Pistachio'.
14. Morgan pounded on the dormitory door ___ five minutes, demanding a little quiet so that she could do her homework. Charlie ignored the request and continued practicing his tuba.