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- 1 : throughout the [duration](#) of
| swims every day *during* the summer
- 2 : at a point in the course of
| was offered a job *during* a visit to the capital

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— ABC News, 19 July 2026 

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Middle English, from present participle of *duren* to last, from Anglo-French *durer*, from Latin *durare* to harden, endure, last, from *durus* hard; perhaps akin to Sanskrit *dāru* wood — more at [TREE entry 1](#)

First Known Use

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

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during preposition

dur·ing ˌd(y)ŭr-ɪŋ

- 1

: throughout the course of

| swims every day *during* the summer
- 2

: at some time in the course of

| you may call me *during* the day

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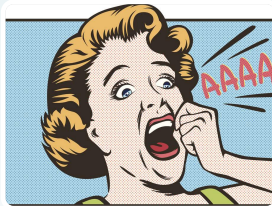
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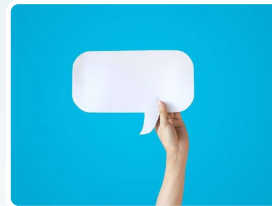
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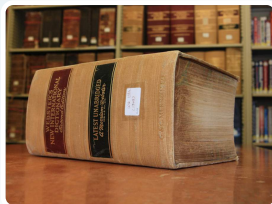


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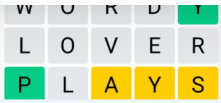
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