

Verb-ながら

Expressing Simultaneous Action

Pattern -while doing something at the same time as something else

Clause 1	2nd stem of verb + ながら、 (ますけい)	Clause 2
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食べながら

while eating

見ながら

while watching

はなしながら

while talking

勉強しながら

while studying

歩きながら

while walking

聞きながら

while listening

書きながら

while writing

*the two actions should be performed by the same person simultaneously

新聞を 読みながら、ご飯を 食べないで下さい。

(Please don't eat while reading the newspaper.)

車をうんてんしながら、ラジオを 聞きました。

(While driving the car, I listened to the radio.)

しょくじをしながら、あまり話しては いけませんよ。

(You shouldn't talk so much while eating.)

銀行に つとめながら、夜 英語の勉強しています。

(I'm working at the bank and studying English in the evenings.)

神社 や お寺をけんぶつしながら、 日本のれきしを勉強しました。

(I studied the history of Japan while visiting shrines and temples.)

はをのみながら、 先生と はなした。

(I talked with the teacher while drinking tea.)



**in English, the while clause usually comes at then end; in Japanese it comes first.

Exercises

名前： _____

One: (Verb + ながら)
日本語に訳して下さい。

1. while washing the dishes
2. while singing "O Canada"
3. while eating lunch
4. while playing chess
5. while watching tv
6. while studying Chinese
7. while traveling
8. while cooking dinner
9. while reading the newspaper
10. while getting up
11. while going to school
12. while writing a letter
13. while taking out your homework
14. while researching
15. while listening to the story
16. While in bed, I like to read novels.

17. Please don't listen to the radio while you are studying.

18. Mr. Ishi always reads his newspaper while eating dinner.

19. Don't talk while eating.

20. Mr. Kimura works for Sony while he is going to university.

21. Let's talk over a cup of coffee.

22. I studied while I was listening to the stereo.

- *23. I studied while my brother listened to the tv.

24. While washing the dishes, I talked to my mother.

25. While returning home, I finished doing my homework.

Two: Transformation Drill

eg.

ポップコーンを食べる、テレビを見る



ポップコーンを食べながら、テレビを見た。

1. さけをのむ、テンプラを食べた
2. にわをあるく、しゃしんをとりました
3. ラジオをきく、しゅくだいをしました
4. ひろごはんを食べる、ともだちとはなします
5. ひるは アルバイトをする、よるは だいがくに いく
6. レコードをきく、きょうかしょをよむ

Three: Translate the above sentences.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.