

[waɪlɪst] = *while* IV**whilst**

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**while** [while **whiles** **whiled** **whiling**] **conjunction, noun, verb** BrE [waɪl] <sup>m</sup>NAme [waɪl] <sup>m</sup>**conjunction** (also formal **whilst** BrE [waɪlɪst] <sup>m</sup> ; NAme [waɪlɪst] <sup>m</sup> especially in BrE)**1.** during the time that sth is happening**Syn:** ↑when

- We must have been burgled while we were asleep.
- Her parents died while she was still at school.
- While I was waiting at the bus stop, three buses went by in the opposite direction.

**2.** at the same time as sth else is happening

- You can go swimming while I'm having lunch.
- shoes mended while you wait

**3.** used to contrast two things

- While Tom's very good at science, his brother is absolutely hopeless.
- Some people work better to music while others do not.

**4.** (used at the beginning of a sentence) **although; despite the fact that...**

- While I am willing to help, I do not have much time available.

**5.** (NEngE) **until**

- I waited while six o'clock.

Word Origin:

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Language Bank:**contrast***Highlighting differences*

- This survey **highlights a number of differences in** ▪ the way that teenage boys and girls in the UK spend their free time.
- One of the main differences between** ▪ the girls **and** ▪ the boys who took part in the research was the way in which they use the Internet.
- Unlike** ▪ the girls, who use the Internet mainly to keep in touch with friends, the boys questioned in this survey tend to use the Internet for playing computer games.
- The girls **differ from** ▪ the boys **in that** ▪ they tend to spend more time keeping in touch with friends on the telephone or on social networking websites.
- Compared to** ▪ the boys, the girls spend much more time chatting to friends on the telephone.
- On average the girls spend four hours a week chatting to friends on the phone. **In contrast** ▪, very few of the boys spend more than five minutes a day talking to their friends in this way.
- The boys prefer competitive sports and computer games, **whereas** ▪ / **while** ▪ the girls seem to enjoy more cooperative activities, such as shopping with friends.
- When the girls go shopping, they mainly buy clothes and cosmetics. The boys, **on the other hand** ▪, tend to purchase computer games or gadgets.

Language Banks at ↑generally, ↑illustrate, ↑proportion, ↑similarly, ↑surprising

Language Bank:**nevertheless***Conceding a point and making a counter-argument***While** ▪ the film is undoubtedly too long, it is **nevertheless** ▪ an intriguing piece of cinema.**It can be argued that** ▪ the movie is too long. It is **nonetheless** ▪ an intriguing piece of cinema.▪ The film is undoubtedly too long. **Still** ▪, it is an intriguing piece of cinema.**Of course** ▪, huge chunks of the book have been sacrificed in order to make a two-hour movie, **but** ▪ it is **nevertheless** ▪ a successful piece of storytelling.▪ Critics are wrong to argue that the film's plot is too complicated. **Certainly** ▪ there are a couple of major twists, **but** ▪ audiences will have no difficulty following them.**It is true that** ▪ you cannot make a good movie without a good script, **but it is equally true** ▪ that a talented director can make a good script into an excellent film.**It remains to be seen whether** ▪ these two movies herald a new era of westerns, **but there is no doubt that** ▪ they represent welcome additions to the genre.

Language Banks at ↑argue, ↑however, ↑impersonal, ↑opinion

Idiom: ↑while I'm at itDerived ↑while something away**noun singular**

a period of time

- They chatted **for a while** .
- I'll be back in **a little while** (= a short time) .
- I haven't seen him for **quite a while** (= a fairly long time) .

• They walked back together, talking **all the while** (= all the time) .

**see** (every) once in a while **at** **↑once** adv., worth your while **at** **↑worth** adj.

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Example Bank:

- Everybody makes a mistake once in a while.
- He kept me waiting for quite a while.
- I'll be back in a while.
- I'll mend it for you, but it could take a while.
- The bird hopped across the lawn, keeping a sharp lookout all the while.
- The problems started a while back.
- There's no need to do anything for the while.
- They chatted for a while.
- Things continued quiet for some while.
- I haven't seen him for quite a while.
- They walked back together, talking all the while.

verb

Verb forms:

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present simple	
I / you / we / they	while
	BrE /waɪl/
	NAme /waɪl/
he / she / it	whiles
	BrE /waɪlz/
	NAme /waɪlz/
past simple, past participle	whiled
	BrE /waɪld/
	NAme /waɪld/
-ing form	whiling
	BrE /waɪlɪŋ/
	NAme /waɪlɪŋ/

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**THESAURUS**

- **while** during the time that you are doing something, or something is happening: I bought a magazine while I was waiting for the train. | While we were on holiday, my bag was stolen.
- **meanwhile** at the same time as something else is happening: They're still working on our bedroom. Meanwhile, we're sleeping downstairs. | The Russians, meanwhile, declared war on August 8.
- **in the meantime** during the period of time between now and a future event, or between two events in the past: More aid is expected soon, but in the meantime these people are going hungry. | My new job hadn't started, so in the meantime I tried to write a book.
- **whilst** *British English* while. **Whilst** sounds a little more formal than **while**: One American plane was forced to land whilst flying over North Korea. | Whilst all this was going on, the performers were getting ready for the show.

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