

Campus News Desk Answer Key

Sample Response:

On Friday afternoon, Oakridge Middle School held its Annual Science Fair in the gymnasium. The event lasted **for** three hours and was filled with excitement. **During** the first hour, students presented creative experiments to judges and classmates. **During** the robotics showcase, one team demonstrated a robot that could toss a basketball. The power suddenly went out **for** about ten minutes, but the audience stayed calm. Everyone cheered **during** the final presentation when the lights returned. The fair ended with applause **for** the teachers who received special awards.

Teacher's Guide:

- **Skill Focus:** Reinforces correct use of **for** (duration) and **during** (time frame or event) in structured, real-world writing.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Offer sentence starters or a model outline for students who need guidance.
 - Challenge advanced students to include at least five total uses of *for* and *during* combined.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Let students "report" their news story aloud as if on a morning announcement broadcast.
 - Create a "class newspaper wall" showcasing each student's event report.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Ask students to interview a peer about a different event and rewrite the report using *for* and *during*.
 - Encourage cross-subject integration by connecting the report to an upcoming real school event or fair.