

Timing Clue Hunt Answer Key

1. for - context clue: *almost an hour* (shows duration)
2. during - context clue: *the talent show* (event name)
3. for - context clue: *two weeks* (time length)
4. during - context clue: *the movie* (event)
5. for - context clue: *three straight hours* (duration)
6. during - context clue: *lunch* (time period)
7. during - context clue: *the storm* (event)
8. for - context clue: *most of the afternoon* (time length)
9. during - context clue: *the meeting* (event name)
10. for - context clue: *four hours* (duration)

Teacher's Guide:

- **Skill Focus:** Develops students' ability to use *context clues* to distinguish between **for** (duration) and **during** (event or time period).
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For struggling learners, highlight one sample clue together and model reasoning aloud.
 - Have advanced learners write short explanations beside each sentence justifying their choice.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Turn it into a "Preposition Detective" activity where students highlight clues with colored pencils (one color for numbers, another for event names).
 - Create a competition: students earn a point for each correctly identified clue and preposition.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Ask students to write three of their own sentences where they purposely include clear context clues for *for* and *during*.
 - Have them swap papers and analyze each other's context clues before sharing feedback.