N4 ぶんぽう

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# JLPT N4 Grammar Lessons

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間
あいだ

Meaning
while; during; between

How To Use
Verb (dictionary form)  間
Noun + の

Learn Japanese grammar: 間【あいだ】(aida). Meaning: while; during; between.

Meaning 1) while/during

This is used when you do something the whole time during a certain period of time, so it is often paired together with words like ずっと “continuously”.

電車に乗っている間、ずっと本を読んでいました。

densa ni notteiru aida, zutto hon o yonde imashita.
I read a book the entire time I was on the train.

Instead if you want to say something happened at one point “during” some time, use 間に(aida ni).

Meaning 2) between

This can express the physical space between [A] and [B].

名古屋は東京と大阪の間にあります。

nagoya wa toukyou to oosaka no aida ni arimasu.
Nagoya is in between Tokyo and Osaka.
Or the time between [A] and [B].

9時から5時までの間、仕事です。

*ku ji kara go ji made no aida, shigoto desu.*
I work from 9 to 5.

**Example Sentences**

1. 昨日は、家にいる間、ずっとテレビを見ていました。
   *kinou wa, ie ni iru aida, zutto terebi o miteimashita.*
   Yesterday, while I was home I watched TV the entire time.

2. 日本にいる間は、毎日日本語を話すつもりです。
   *nihon ni iru aida wa, mainichi nihongo o hanasu tsumori desu.*
   I plan to speak Japanese everyday while I am in Japan.

3. サイクリングをしている間、ずっと雨が降っていました。
   *saikuringu o shiteiru aida, zutto ame ga futteimashita.*
   It rained the entire time I was cycling.

4. 食事の間、彼女と一緒に映画を見ました。
   *shokuji no aida, kanojo to isshoni eiga o mimashita.*
   While eating dinner, I watched a movie together with my girlfriend.

5. 学校にいる間は、スマホを使ってはいけません。
   *gakkou ni iru aida wa, sumaho o tsukatte wa ikemasen.*
   We can’t use our smartphones while in school.

6. バスに乗っている間、ずっと寝ていました。
   *basu ni notteiru aida, zutto neteimashita.*
   I slept the entire time I was on the bus.
7. バスを待っている間、後ろのおばあさんと話をしていました。
   basu o matteiru aida, ushiro no obaasan to hanashi o shiteimashita.
   While waiting for the bus, I spoke to the elderly lady behind me.

8. 日本にいる間は私の家に泊まって。
    nihon ni iru aida wa watashi no ie ni tomatte.
    You can stay at my house while you are in Japan.

9. あなたがここにいる間は私がいろいろ案内してあげましょう。
    anata ga koko ni iru aida wa watashi ga iroiro annai shite agemashou.
    I'll show you around while you are here.

10. この二人の間にどのような関係が生まれますか？
    kono futari no aida ni dono youna kankei ga umaremasu ka?
    What kind of relationship will develop between the two of them?

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**Meaning 1) doing with intent while~**

This is very similar to間(aida), but one difference is that it can also show intent. That you intentionally chose to do something during some time or take advantage of an opportunity.

待っている間に本を読んだ。

*matteiru aida ni hon o yonda.*

I read a book while I waited.

This expresses that you took advantage of the time you were waiting to read a book.

**Meaning 2) while/during [A] something happened**

This can also express something that happened while or during a time period that is not in your control.

寝ている間に夢を見ました。

*neteiru aida ni yume o mimashita.*

I had a dream while I was sleeping.

Having a dream is something that is out of our control, so this simply expresses that the dream had happened during the period you were asleep.
### Example Sentences

1. 夜の間に火事が起こった。
   
yoru no aida ni kaji ga okotta.
   A fire broke out during the night.

2. 知らない間に寝ていた。
   
shiranai aida ni neteita.
I fell asleep before I even realized it.

3. 日本にいる間に、日本語が上手になりたいです。
   
nihon ni iru aida ni, nihongo ga jouzu ni naritai desu.
I want to get good at Japanese while I'm in Japan.

4. 休みの間に漢字を200個覚えた。
   
yasumi no aida ni kanji o ni hyaku ko oboeta.
I memorized 200 kanji over the break.

5. 先生がいない間にスマホを見ていただ。
   
sensei ga inai aida ni, sumaho o miteita.
I looked at my smartphone while the teacher was gone.

6. 私が料理をしている間に電話があった。
   
watashi ga ryouri o shiteiru aida ni denwa ga natta.
The phone rang while I was cooking.

7. 昨日、私は買い物をしている間に自転車を盗まれた。
   
kinou, watashi wa kaimono o shiteiru aida ni jitensha o nusumareta.
Yesterday my bicycle was stolen while I was doing some shopping.
8. 夏休みの間に、復習しておいてくださいね。
natsuyasumi no aida ni, fukushuu shite oite kudasai.
Please make sure to review over summer break.

9. 電車を待っている間にこの雑誌でも読んでください。
densha o matteiru aida ni kono zasshi demo yonde kudasai.
Please feel free to read this magazine while you are waiting on the train.

10. 彼は手術を受けている間に死んだ。
kare wa shujutsu o uketeiru aida ni shinda.
He died while undergoing surgery.

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It is used in combination with the negative form of an adjective or verb to describe something that you don’t really do. ない can be conjugated normally into the more polite negative ません or past forms as well.

### Example Sentences

1. 私はあまり運動しない。
   watashi wa amari undou shinai.
   I don’t really exercise.

2. 日本語があまり分からない。
   nihongo ga amari wakaranai.
   I don’t really understand Japanese.

3. ホラー映画はあまり見ない。
   horaa eiga wa amari minai
   I don’t really watch horror movies.
4. 彼はあまり速く走ることができない。
kare wa amari hayaku hashiru koto ga dekinai.
He can't run very fast.

5. この文法があまり分かりません。教えてください。
kono bunpo ga amari wakarimasen. Oshiete kudasai.
I don't understand this grammar very well, could you please explain it to me?

6. この食べ物はあまり美味しくなかった。
kono tabemono wa amari oishi kunakatta.
The food wasn't that great.

7. 私はあまりテニスが上手ではない。
watashi wa amari tenisu ga jouzu dewa nai.
I'm not very good at tennis.

8. 冷たい飲み物があまり好きじゃありません。
tsumetai nomimono ga amari suki jaarimasen.
I don't really like cold beverages.

9. 最近は忙しくて、友だちとあまり遊んでいません。
saikin wa isogashikute, tomodachi to amari asonde imasen.
I've been so busy lately that I've hardly seen my friends.

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