Presentación de GRAMÁTICA

WANZA!

Goal: Learn how to form the imperfect tense. Then use the imperfect to describe continuing activities in the past. Actividades 5-8



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English Grammar Connection: There are ways other than the simple past tense (I studied) to say that something happened. You can also say I used to study or I was studying. In Spanish, these ideas are expressed by the imperfect tense.

The Imperfect Tense



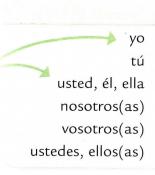
The imperfect is another past tense in Spanish. How do you use it?

Here's how: The imperfect is used to describe something that was not perfected or not completed in the past. You use it to . . .

- talk about something that was happening
 say how old someone was
- talk about something you used to do
- tell what time it was

Regular verbs in the **imperfect** take these endings:

Note that the yo form and the usted/él/ella forms are the same



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Él estaba aquí cuando yo hacía el pastel.

He was here when I was making the cake.

Only three verbs are irregular in the imperfect.

Cuando yo era niña, íbamos a la playa. When I was little, we used to go to the beach.

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