

The background is a stylized botanical illustration. It features a large, dark green, fan-like leaf on the left side. To the right, there are several vertical, thin, light green stems with small, dark green, teardrop-shaped leaves. At the bottom, there are some small, light green, rounded shapes that look like seed pods or fruits. The overall color palette is muted greens and browns, giving it a natural, organic feel.

El imperfecto (–ER / –IR verbs)

Semillas: Elementary Spanish II



Let's review! *¿Qué es el imperfecto?*

The imperfect tense in Spanish is used to talk about **past actions** that were **habitual, repeated or ongoing**. It is also used to **describe** people and places or set a scene in the past.

We have learned how to form the imperfect tense with verbs that end in –AR. Take off the ending and add:

-aba	-ábamos
-abas	-abais
-aba	-aban



How do we form *el imperfecto* of –ER / -IR verbs?

Paso 1. Take off the –ER / -IR ending of an infinitive verb

- Comer-> Com-
- Abrir->Abr

Paso 2. Add the appropriate ending based on the subject

Yo com ía	Nosotros com íamos
Tú com ías	Vosotras com íais
Ella com ía	Ellos com ían

Some examples

Mis amigos y yo siempre **dormíamos** bajo las estrellas.

*My friends and I always **used to sleep** under the stars.*

Cada año, **descubrías** sitios nuevos para acampar.

*Each year, you **discovered** new places to camp.*

Cuando **hacía** buen tiempo, Eva y Sara **preferían** tomar una siesta en sus hamacas.

*When the weather **was** nice, Eva and Sara **preferred** to take a nap in their hammocks.*

