

El imperfecto (los irregulares)

Semillas: Elementary Spanish II



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

- To describe **habits or repeated actions** in the past.
- To **set the scene** in a story by describing the background, such as the weather, a person's mood, or the setting.
- To talk about **ongoing or continuous situations** in the past.

-aba	-ábamos
-abas	-abais
-aba	-aban

-ía	-íamos
-ías	-íais
-ía	-ían



Which forms of the *imperfecto* are irregular?

Good news! There are only **THREE** verbs that take an irregular form in the imperfect.

IR *to go*

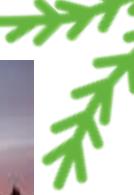
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SER *to be*

era	éramos
eras	erais
era	eran

VER *to see*

veía	veíamos
veías	veíais
veía	veían



Some examples

Era una noche serena en las montañas

It was a serene night in the mountains.



Todos los años, las chicas **iban** a Minnesota para visitar su lago favorito.

Every year, the girls would go to Minnesota to visit their favorite lake.

Mientras mi mamá leía, yo **veía** la televisión.

While my mom was reading, I was watching television.