

A stylized botanical illustration in muted earth tones (beige, olive, and brown) serves as the background. It features various plant elements: a large, textured circular shape at the top left, a central plant with long, pointed leaves, and a cluster of small, round seed pods at the bottom right. The overall style is modern and artistic.

Un repaso: El tiempo presente versus el imperfecto

Semillas: Elementary Spanish II



Let's review!

¿Qué es el tiempo presente?

We use the simple present tense in Spanish to talk about **habitual actions, general truths, and routines** in the **PRESENT**. It's used for statements that describe **regular behaviors or facts**, like, "I eat breakfast every day."

We have already learned how to form the regular simple present tense. Take off the –AR, –ER, or –IR ending and add:

-AR	
-o	-amos
-as	-áis
-a	-an

-ER	
-o	-emos
-es	-éis
-e	-en

-IR	
-o	-imos
-es	-ís
-e	-en



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

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

Once again, here are the regular imperfect endings:

-AR	
-aba	-ábamos
-abas	-abais
-aba	-aban

-ER / -IR	
-ía	-íamos
-ías	-íais
-ía	-ían

Vamos a comparar:

El imperfecto versus el tiempo presente

La banda **practicaba** para sus conciertos en la plaza.

The band used to practice for its concerts in the plaza.

La banda **practica** para sus conciertos en el gimnasio.

Now the band practices for their concerts in the gym.

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Vamos a comparar: El imperfecto versus el tiempo presente

Siempre **perdíamos** nuestros partidos.

We always used to lose our games.

Ahora solo **perdimos** de vez en cuando.

Now we only lose from time to time.



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Vamos a comparar: El imperfecto versus el tiempo presente

De niño, iba de camping con mi familia en las montañas.

I used to go camping with my family in the mountains.

Ahora **voy** a la playa con mis amigos.

Now I go to the beach with my friends.


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