

Contesta a las preguntas en inglés

1. When do we use the imperfect tense?
2. How is it different to the preterite tense?
3. What are the endings for 'ar' verbs in the imperfect?
4. What are the endings for 'er' verbs in the imperfect?
5. What are the endings for 'ir' verbs in the imperfect?
6. What do I add the endings to?
7. Which 3 verbs are irregular in the imperfect tense?

Learning Objectives

- To revise the preterite tense endings + the irregulars
- To combine the imperfect tense and preterite tense in one long sentence
- To understand texts describing a past accident

Then take off the “ar” and add the appropriate endings:


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| • visit- | •-é | for “I” |
| • compr- | •-aste | for “you” sing. |
| • pregunt- | •-ó | for “he/she/it |
| • escuch- | •-amos | for “we” |
| • cerr- | •-asteis | for “you” plural |
| • habl- | •-aron | for “they” |


And then ...

you bought  compr + **aste** = **compraste**

He/She asked  pregunt + **ó** = **preguntó**

We listened  escuch + **amos** = **escuchamos**

You (all) didn't
close  no cerr + **asteis** = **no cerrasteis**

Did they
speak?  ¿habl + **aron?** = **¿hablaron?**

Then we take off the “er/ir” and
add the appropriate endings:

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| • beb- | •-í | for “I” |
| • entend- | •-iste | for “you” sing. |
| • llov- | •-ió | for “he/she/it |
| • com- | •-imos | for “we” |
| • viv- | •-isteis | for “you” plural |
| • abr- | •-ieron | for “they” |

And then ...

You understood \longrightarrow entendre + **iste** = **entendiste**

It rained \longrightarrow llover + **ió** = **llovió**

We ate \longrightarrow comer + **imos** = **comimos**

You (all) didn't live \longrightarrow no vivir + **isteis** = **no vivisteis**

Did they open? \longrightarrow ¿abrir + **ieron**? = **¿abrieron?**

However, most common -er/-ir verbs have irregular stems and have to be learnt by heart!

- Ir (to go) :

- fui = I went
- fuiste = you went
- fue = he/she/it went
- fuimos = we went
- fuisteis = you (all) went
- fueron = they went

- hacer (to do/make) :

- hice = I did/made
- hiciste = you did/made
- hizo = he/she/it did
- hicimos = we did/made
- hicisteis = you (all) did
- hicieron = they did/made

- tener (to have) :

- tuve = I had
- tuviste = you had
- tuvo = he/she/it had
- tuvimos = we had
- tuvisteis = you (all) had
- tuvieron = they had

- ver (to see/watch) :

- vi = I saw/watched
- viste = you saw/watched
- vio = he/she/it saw
- vimos = we saw/watched
- visteis = you (all) saw
- vieron = they saw/watched

- ser (to be) :

- fui = I was
- fuiste = you were
- fue = he/she/it was
- fuimos = we were
- fuisteis = you (all) were
- fueron = they were

- estar (to be) :

- estuve = I was
- estuviste = you were
- estuvo = he/she/it was
- estuvimos = we were
- estuvisteis = you (all) were
- estuvieron = they were

Ejemplos de frases con un verbo en el imperfecto y el preterito

El avión iba a salir a las nueve pero hubo un retraso.

No había trenes a Madrid y tuve que ir en taxi.

Comía un bocadillo cuando Fred entró