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**Unidad 4 – El imperfecto de verbos -AR**

**El pasado:** Hay dos formas principales del \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

* + **El pretérito**
    - Actions that were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the past
  + **El imperfect**

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| * + - To talk about what was happening     - How \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ someone was | * + - What you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_     - What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it was |

**Imperfect vs Preterite:**

* + The imperfect describes what was happening, what was going on, things that happened regularly, or a series of repeated or habitual events. It puts us in the moment.
  + The preterite describes things that are done. We’re looking back at what happened.
    - Think of the preterite as actions that occurred and are over and done with.
    - Think of the imperfect as giving the background of what was happening during that time – whether it is a description or a series of repeated actions.
  + Remember, these rules are “in general.” There are many instances where you could use either tense depending on what the speaker means.

**Los usos del pretérito:**

Usos del Pretérito (Any of these may be true)

* Express actions or events in the past that began or ended at a specific time in the past.
* Actions that are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Actions that you can pin-point on a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Used any time you specify a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time. (ayer, anoche, a las ocho, el lunes, etc)
* If you specify a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ number of times. (I read a book 4 times).

**Las palabras siguientes indican el pretérito:**

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Español** | **Inglés** | | Ayer | Yesterday | | Anteayer | Day before yesterday | | Anoche | Last night | | Desde el primer momento | From the first moment | | Durante dos siglos | For two centuries | | El otro día | The other day | | En ese momento | In that moment | | Entonces | Then | | Esta mañana |  | | Esta tarde |  | | La semana pasada | Last week | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Español** | **Inglés** | | El mes pasado | Last month | | El año pasado |  | | Hace dos días | Two days ago | | Ayer por la mañana | Yesterday in the morning | | Ayer por la tarde | Yesterday in the afternoon | | Cuatro veces / Una vez | Four times / One time | | Siempre \*\* | Always (constant over a specific period – “all along”) | | Nunca \*\* | Never, not even once. (Usually preterite) | |

**Los usos del imperfecto:**

**Usos del Imperfecto:**

* Express habitual or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ actions/events in the past.
* Actions without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ beginnings or endings (that continued foran indefinite time)
* Gives the idea of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” or “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” in English
* Used for description of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, places, objects, events, weather, and time.

**Las palabras siguientes indican el imperfecto:**

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| **Español** | **Inglés** |
| A menudo | Often |
| A veces | Sometimes |
| Cada día |  |
| Cada semana | Every week |
| Cada mes | Every month |
| Cada año |  |
| Con frecuencia |  |
| Todo el tiempo | All the time |
| De vez en cuando | Once in a while |
| En aquella época | In that time |
| Frecuentamente | Frequently |
| Generalmente |  |
| Muchas veces | Many times |
| Mucho | A lot |
| Todos los días |  |
| Siempre \*\* | Always (with a meaning of “each time” – over and over). |
| Nunca \*\* | Never (with meaning of “never used to” – over a period of time). However, its preterite if you mean never, not even once. |

**Imperfect –AR Verb Endings:**

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| **Singular** | | **Plural** | |
| Yo |  | Nosotros/Nosotras |  |
| Tú |  | Vosotros/Vosotras |  |
| Ud./Él/Ella |  | Uds./Ellos/Ellas |  |

**Contar – to tell a story:**

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| **Singular** | | **Plural** | |
| Yo | *(I was telling; I used to tell)* | Nosotros/Nosotras | *(We were telling; We used to tell)* |
| Tú | *(You were telling; You used to tell)* | Vosotros/Vosotras | *(You were telling; You used to tell)* |
| Ud./Él/Ella | *(He/she was telling; He/she used to tell)* | Uds./Ellos/Ellas | *(They were telling; They used to tell)* |

**Prueba de práctica:**

1. Yo \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (pelear) cada día.
2. La princesa \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(llorar) todas las noches.

3. Tú \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (regresar) al palacio cada mes.

4. Nosotros \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (estar) enamorados.

5. Los guerreros \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cazar) en el bosque cada año.

**Siempre vs Nunca:**

* **Preterite:**
* Siempre – always (constant over a specific period of time or “all along”)

*Siempre lo supo – He always knew it./Knew it all along*

* Nunca – Never, not even once

*Nunca tuviste tiempo para mí – You never (not even once) had time for me.*

* **Imperfect:**
* Siempre – always meaning “each time” – over and over.

*Siempre ayudaba a mi mamá. – I helped my mom each time.*

* Nunca – never used to.

*Nunca estábamos de acuerdo en nada. – We never used to agreed on anything.*