

Imperfect: Part II

Remember, the imperfect is used for past actions that are not seen as completed. Use of the imperfect tense implies that the past action did not have a definite beginning or a definite end. The imperfect tells when -- in general, an action occurred.

Good news! There are only three irregular verbs in the imperfect. You must simply memorize them.

SER	IR	VER
era	iba	veía
eras	ibas	veías
era	iba	veía
éramos	íbamos	veíamos
erais	ibais	veíais
eran	iban	veían

To review some of the rules for using the imperfect:

The imperfect is used for actions that were repeated habitually.

The imperfect is used for actions that “set the stage” for another action.

The imperfect is used for telling time and stating one’s age.

Let’s add another flashcard for the three irregular verbs in the imperfect tense:

Verb Flashcards

47. Imperfect: ser, ir, ver

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