Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bloque: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Unidad 4 – El imperfecto y el pretérito**

**El pasado:**

Hay dos formas principales del pasado:

* + **El pretérito**
    - Actions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the past
  + **El imperfecto**
    - Continuous, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/repeated action in the past or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**El pretérito:**

* + Express events/actions in the past that began or ended at a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time in the past.
  + Actions that are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or can put on a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    - Anoche Carmen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a México.
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, visitó una excavación nueva.
    - Ella \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ las ruinas de una civilización antigua.
    - La guerra \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ en 1846.

**El imperfecto:**

* + Express \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, continuous, or repeated actions/events in the past.
  + Things that happened \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the past. Used for giving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ description or on-going/unfinished actions.
  + The moment when the action began or ended is unimportant. The time may be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    - Carmen iba a México \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ compraba las cosas que necesitaba.
    - Casi siempre \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ con tarjeta de crédito.
    - Los guerreros no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miedo del enemigo.

**Comparaciones – el pretérito vs el imperfecto:**

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| **Repeated, habitual**   * Iban al cine todos los sábados. * Casi siempre se sentaban. * Todas las noches se acostaban tarde. | **Completed Action**   * Fueron al cine el sábado pasado. * Ayer se sentaron. * Anoche se acostaron temprano. |

**El imperfecto:**

* Verbs that deal with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or conditions are generally used in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is generally in the imperfect when it describes a past state or when giving background information.
* Use the imperfect for: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, general background \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, on-going or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ events.
* These **mental activities** verbs will almost always be in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tense:
* Creer - to believe
* Desear - to desire
* Querer\* - to want
* Tener ganas de - to feel like
* Pensar - to think
* Preferir - to prefer
* Poder\* - to be able to
* Saber\* - to know

**Meaning Changes – el pretérito vs el imperfecto:**

**Pretérito Imperfecto**

Supe - I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sabía - I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - I tried Quería - I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pude - I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Podía - I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Conocí - I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Conocía - I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Preterite & Imperfect Together:**

* + You can apply both tenses to talk about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ events.
  + The preterite for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that occurred.
  + The imperfect for what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the time.
  + Cuando la guerra \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Santa Ana \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ presidente de México.
  + Yo \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cuando Julia \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Yo \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cuando el teléfono \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Sometimes the two verbs will be in the same tense.
  + Cuando mi amigo \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ la televisión. *(One after the other)*
  + Cuando \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ joven, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ todos los días. *(General used to happen)*

**Imperfect Key Examples:**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = Imperfect
  + - Eran las cinco y cuarto
* Action that happened AT that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time = Preterite
  + - A las cinco y cuarto yo comí un sandwich
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = Imperfect
  + - Ayer hacía calor
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (usually) = Imperfect
  + - La casa era roja.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ activities/conditions = Imperfect
  + - Yo deseaba dormir.

**Prueba de práctica:**

For each sentence, decide Preterite or Imperfect, why, and conjugate the verb.

**1.** Ayer yo \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ir) al museo.

**2.** La princesa \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ser) hermosa.

**3.** El guerrero \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (pelear) con su enemigo el año pasado.

**4.** Ayer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hacer) calor y había lluvia.

**5.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ser) las dos de la tarde.

**6.** Muchas veces él \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (caminar) al edificio en la acera.

**7.** El emperador \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (comer) cuando \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (empezar) la batalla.

**8.** Yo \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hablar) contigo cuando el teléfono \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sonar).

**9.** El año pasado\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (comprar) una estatua hermosa.

**10.** El guerrero \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ganar) las batallas mucho.

**11.** De vez en cuando tú \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (beber) refrescos.

**12.** La semana pasada tú \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (beber) agua.