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El Imperfecto

The imperfect is another past tense in Spanish. How do you use it?

Here's how: As opposed to the *preterite tense*, which is used to state an action that *began and ended at a specific time* in the past, **the imperfect** is used to describe something that was not perfected or **not completed** in the past. You use it to...

- talk about something that was happening.
- talk about something you used to do repeatedly.

Please refer to your book for the conjugations. Notice the different pages.

	Tomar (p.68)	Comer (p.70)	Vivir (p.70)
Yo			
Tú			
Usted, él, ella			
Nosotros			
Vosotros(as)			
Ustedes, ellos, ellas			

Worth noting...

- ✓ The **yo** form and **the él/ella** forms are the same.
- ✓ The imperfect these forms of regular **-er** and **-ir** verbs are **identical**.
- ✓ Verbs that have a stem-change in the present **do not** have one in the **imperfect**.
 jugar: Yo **juego** yo jugaba.
 acostarse: Yo me **acuesto** yo me acostaba.
- ✓ English translations: "Yo estudiaba" = "*I was studying*" or "*I used to study*."
 • Yo estudiaba cuando mi mamá llegó. *I was studying when my mom arrived.*
 • En la primaria, yo estudiaba mucho, ahora no mucho.
In elementary school, I used to study, now not so much.
- ✓ The imperfect of **hay** (there is/there are) is **había**.
 ¡No había nada de comer! ---*There was nothing to eat!*

Act. 14 (p.69)-La oficina de Carmen.

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Act. 18 (p.71)-Las amiguitas de Ramona.

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Fecha:

	ser	ir	ver
Yo			
Tú			
Usted, él, ella			
Nosotros			
Vosotros			
Uds., ellos, ellas			

Act. 21 (p.73)-Buenos amigos

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