

# **Chapter 7**

## **Part 1**

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# Objectives

Imperfect Tense - Regular and Irregular Verbs

# Imperfect Tense

## Regular and Irregular Verbs

- The imperfect tense is formed by adding the following endings to the stem of the infinitive:

-ar verbs	
hablar = to talk	
yo habl <b>aba</b>	nosotros habl <b>ábamos</b>
tú habl <b>abas</b>	vosotros habl <b>abais</b>
él/ella/Ud. habl <b>aba</b>	ellos/ellas/Uds. habl <b>aban</b>

-er, -ir verbs	
decir = to say	
yo dec <b>ía</b>	nosotros dec <b>íamos</b>
tú dec <b>ías</b>	vosotros dec <b>íais</b>
él/ella/Ud. dec <b>ía</b>	ellos/ellas/Uds. dec <b>ían</b>

- It is one of the most regular of all of the verb tenses

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- The imperfect expresses three different things in English:

1.) was ... -ing:	Yo estudi <b>aba</b>	I was studying
2.) would (used to):	El visit <b>aba</b> a sus padres todos los veranos	He used to (would) visit his parents every summer.
3.) was, had:	Ella ten <b>ía</b> salero.	She had wit.

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- There are only 3 irregular verbs in the imperfect: **ser**, **ir**, and **ver**.

ser = to be	
yo era	nosotros éramos
tú eras	vosotros erais
él/ella/Ud. era	ellos/ellas/Uds. eran

ir = to go	
yo iba	nosotros íbamos
tú ibas	vosotros ibais
él/ella/Ud. iba	ellos/ellas/Uds. iban

ver = to see	
yo veía	nosotros veíamos
tú veías	vosotros veíais
él/ella/Ud. veía	ellos/ellas/Uds. veían