

facevo	I did/was doing/used to do
facevi	you did/were doing/used to do
faceva	he/she/it did/was doing/used to do
facevamo	we did/were doing/used to do
facevate	you did/were doing/used to do
facevano	they did/were doing/used to do

All verbs ending in **-urre** have the following pattern:

-ucevo	traducevo	I translated/was translating/used to translate
-ucevi	traducevi	you translated/were translating/used to translate
-uceva	traduceva	he/she/it translated/was translating/used to translate
-ucevamo	traducevamo	we translated/were translating/used to translate
-ucevate	traducevate	you translated/were translating/used to translate
-ucevano	traducevano	they translated/were translating/used to translate

Quando ero bambino abitavo a Parma.	When I was a child I lived in Parma.
Ieri il tempo era bello.	Yesterday the weather was lovely.
Al concerto c'erano più di 900 persone.	There were more than 900 people at the concert.
Mia sorella beveva solo acqua minerale, ora beve anche acqua di rubinetto.	My sister only used to drink mineral water, now she drinks tap water as well.
Cosa dicevi?	What were you saying?
Cosa faceva, Signora, quando non lavorava?	What did you do(, Madam), when you weren't working/didn't work?
L'interprete traduceva, ma nessuno ascoltava.	The interpreter was translating, but nobody was listening.

Negative form

4 The negative is formed, as usual, by putting **non** before the verb:

Di solito la domenica non uscivo.	I didn't usually go out on Sundays.
Quando hai telefonato non facevo niente di speciale.	When you phoned I wasn't doing anything special.