



'used to' - Imperfect Tense

WHAT IS IT?

Used when talking about something which used to happen or which was happening. Also used to describe what somebody or something was like.

EXAMPLES IN ENGLISH

I used to live in England.
We went to Spain every year.
She was sunbathing.
I used to like...

STILL STUCK?



HOW DO I FORM IT?

1. Remove the ending from the infinitive:

Eg tomar- tom

beber – beb

vivir- viv

2. Then add the following endings:

Person	Pronoun	AR verbs	ER/IR
I	Yo	aba	ía
You	Tu	abas	ías
He/she	El/Ella	aba	ía
We	Nosotros	ábamos	íamos
You (pl)	Vosotros	abais	íais
They	Ellos/Ellas	aban	ían

EXAMPLES IN SPANISH

Vivía en Inglaterra.

Íbamos a España cada ano.

Tomaba el sol.

Me gustaba.

IRREGULAR VERBS

There are only 3 verbs which don't follow this pattern – **ser, ir and ver.**

ser	ir	ver
era	iba	veía
eras	ibas	veías
era	iba	veía
éramos	íbamos	veíamos
erais	ibais	veíais
eran	iban	veían

Cada ano – Every year Cuando era pequeño - When I was small Cuando tenía cinco años - When I was 5 years old