To conjugate in the imperfect:

a) drop the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

b) **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the appropriate ending

**-ar verbs** **-er/-ir verbs**

To translate in the imperfect: was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ing

were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ing

used to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

yo bailaba - I was dancing, I used to dance

**Examples**: él comía - he was eating, he used to eat

ellos vivían - they were living, they used to live

THERE ARE ONLY 3 IRREGULARS IN THE IMPERFECT!!!!!!!!!!!!

**ir - to go ver - to see ser - to be**

iba íbamos veía veíamos era éramos

ibas veías eras

iba iban veía veían era eran

Uses of the imperfect

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ My mom **was cleaning** the house.

He **was carrying** the books for her.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ We **used to go** to the park every weekend.

I always **shopped** at the mall.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ She **was** beautiful and graceful.

The cars **were** old and rusty.

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ It **was** cool and cloudy.

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ It **was** 12:30 in the afternoon when I left.

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I **was** 9 years old when I went to Europe.

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ He was raking while I **was playing** baseball.

8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ It **was** a cold, dark night.

9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ He **wanted** to go to the party.

I **knew** all the answers on that test!

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Clue Words/Phrases for the Imperfect

a veces- sometimes, at times mientras- while

muchas veces- often, many times tener & weather expressions

a menudo- often creer- to believe

usualmente- usually pensar- to think

generalmente- generally esperar- to hope

siempre- always desear- to wish, to want

nunca-never querer – to want

todos los días- every day saber – to know

todos/as los/las \_\_\_\_\_\_\_- every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ poder – to be able to, can