

Uses of the Imperfecto

1. To express continuous, repeated or habitual actions.
(was/were=ing word or “used to”)

Ex: Cuando yo era niña, yo visitaba a mi abuelo.= *When I was a child I visited (used to) visit my grandfather.*

2. Location in the past-use “estar”

Ex: Felipe estaba en México=*Felipe was in Mexico.*

3. Age-use the verb TENER to tell age.

Ex: Mi padre tenía 58 años.=*My dad was 58 years old.*

4. Appearance-physical or what one was wearing (llevar).

Exs: Felipe era alto y moreno.=*Felipe was tall and dark.*

Felipe llevaba un sombrero.=*Felipe was wearing a hat.*

5. Physical /Emocional Conditions

Exs: Felipe estaba triste.=*Felipe was sad.*

Felipe estaba enfermo.=*Felipe was sick.*

6. Attitudes and desires-verbs like querer (to want), tener ganas de(to feel like), etc.

Exs: Yo tenía ganas de comer helado.=*I felt like eating ice cream.*

7. Dates-ex: Era el veinte de octubre.=*It was the 20th of October.*

8. Telling what time it was-use SER

Ex: Eran las tres.=*It was 3:00.*

Era la una y media.=*It was 1:30.*

9. Weather-use hacer, llover, nevar in the 3rd singular form only!

Exs: Hacía calor=*It was warm.*

Hacía viento=*It was windy.*

Llovía=*It was raining.*

Nevaba=*It was snowing.*

10. **HAY**=there is, there are

HABÍA= there was. there were

Attachments

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