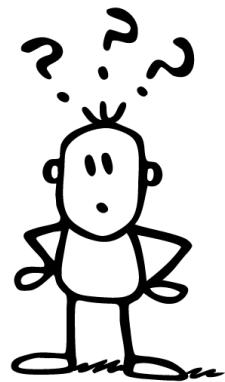


# The imperfect tense = was .... / used to ....

	AR	IR/ER
yo (I)	aba	ía
tú (you)	abas	ías
él, ella (he/she)	aba	ía
nosotros (we)	ábamos	íamos
vosotros (you)	ais	íais
ellos (they)	aban	ían



(Note: for -ir and -er verbs, the "í" of the Imperfect past tense always carries an accent as well as the "á" of the *nosotros* form of the -ar verbs!)

- a. Yo \_\_\_\_\_ cada verano en el mar (NADAR)  
a. = *I used to swim* every summer in the sea.
- b. María siempre \_\_\_\_\_ muy bien el francés (HABLAR)  
a. = *María always used to speak* French well
- c. Nosotros \_\_\_\_\_ a nuestros abuelos los viernes (VISITAR)  
a. = *We used to visit* our grandparents on Fridays.
- d. Ellos \_\_\_\_\_ cada invierno (ESQUIAR)  
a. = *They used to ski* every winter.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ (CANTAR)  
a. = *I was singing / I used to sing*
- f. Tú siempre \_\_\_\_\_ con nosotros (SALIR)  
a. = *You always used to go out* with us.
- g. Nosotros \_\_\_\_\_ mucho café (TOMAR)  
a. = *We used to have* a lot of coffee.
- h. Ella \_\_\_\_\_ en un restaurante todos los viernes (CENAR)  
a. = *She used to dine* in a restaurant every Friday.
- i. Yo siempre \_\_\_\_\_ demasiado azúcar en el café (ECHAR)  
a. = *I always used to pour* too much sugar in my coffee.
- j. Carlos siempre \_\_\_\_\_ novelas (LEER)  
a. = *Carlos always used to read* novels.