

Spanish

Talking about work experience [2 / 3]

- imperfect tense
- time phrases

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The letter **q** is always followed by **u** in Spanish and makes the sound **[qu]**. The following vowel is pronounced.

[qui]

quiero

I want



izquierda

[qui]

equipo

quince

quiero

[I want]

¿quién?

tranquilo

[calm]



la habilidad	skill
el descanso	break
llevarse bien con	to get on well with
llevarse mal con	to get on badly with
conocer	to meet (for the first time)
los compañeros	colleagues
alegre	cheerful
la tienda benéfica/solidaria	charity shop
la agencia de viajes	travel agency
valer la pena	to be worth it



The imperfect tense

Use the imperfect tense to talk about **repeated actions** and **descriptions** in the past. **Remove the -ar/-er/-ir ending** and add:

person	-ar verbs	-er/-ir verbs	irregular ser - to be	ir - to go
I	-aba	-ía	era	iba
you	-abas	-ías	eras	ibas
s/he/it	-aba	-ía	era	iba
we	-ábamos	íamos	éramos	íbamos

Abba were
great! They
used to sing
Mamma Mía



imperfect

take away -ar/-er/-ir
add new ending

conditional

add endings to **infinitive**
(the same endings as imperfect for er/ir verbs)

word	imperfect	conditional	English
1 compraría		✓	I would buy.
2 escribía	✓		I used to write / was writing.
3 bebíamos	✓		We used to drink / were drinking.
4 terminaría		✓	I would finish.
5 hacía	✓		I used to do / was doing.
6 conocería		✓	I would know (meet).



1 The **preterite** _____ is used for completed action in the past.

2 The **imperfect** _____ is used for repeated (habitual) action in the past.

3 Cada mañana and todos los días are followed by the **imperfect**.

4 El primer día and hace un mes are followed by the **preterite**.

5 la habilidad means **skill** _____

6 el descanso means **break** _____

