

Spanish

Describing where you stayed [2 / 3]

- ‘haber’ VS. ‘tener’ in the imperfect tense**
- ‘estar’ VS. ‘ser’ in the imperfect tense**

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La fonética

[ca]

casa

[co]

comer

[cu]

cuerpo



La fonética

	ca	co	cu	español	inglés
1		✓		co mida	food
2	✓			ca mpo	field/countryside
3			✓	cu ltura	culture
4		✓		tamp co	nor
5	✓			des ca nsar	to rest/relax
6			✓	cu bierta	covered
7		✓		artíst ico	artistic
8	✓			ca ro	expensive
9		✓		re co rrido	itinerary/tour



antiguo	old
bonito	pretty
ruidoso	noisy
tranquilo	calm / quiet
algo	something
lo bueno	the good thing
lo malo	the bad thing
decir	to say
el albergue	hostel / inn



Imperfect tense: Ser & estar

Two ways to say 'I was': era and estaba

Two ways to say 'they were': eran and estaban

estar

We use '**estaba**' and '**estaban**' for location and **temporary state/mood**.

El hotel **estaba** cerca de la playa.

*The hotel **was (located)** near the beach.*

Las habitaciones **estaban** limpias.

*The rooms **were** clean.*

ser

Use '**era**' and '**eran**' for permanent traits.

El pueblo **era** tranquilo.

*The town/village **was** quiet.*

Los parques **eran** grandes.

*The parks **were** big.*



tener VS. haber & imperfect tense

‘**tener**’ means ‘to have’.

El hotel **tenía** muchos restaurantes.

*The hotel **had** many restaurants.*

La ciudad **tenía** muchos turistas.

*The city **had** many tourists.*

‘**haber**’ means ‘*there + to be*’.

En el hotel **había** muchos restaurantes.

*In the hotel **there were** many restaurants.*

En la ciudad **había** muchos turistas.

*In the city **there were many tourists.***

When we use ‘there was / were’, we need the preposition “en” before the place.



Respuestas

1. There are two ways to say 'they were': eran and **estaban**
2. Use '**era**' and eran for permanent traits.
3. In the imperfect tense, 'it had' translates as 'tenía' and 'there was/were' as **había**.
4. When we use 'there was / were', we need the preposition **en** before the place.
5. 'Estaba sucio' means 'it was dirty'. We use 'estaba' because we're describing a temporary state.

True

