

**French**

# **Describing life when I was younger [2/2]**

## **- Using -er verbs in the imperfect tense**

Mr Hodgson





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vrai





français  Shhhhh!

[ai]

fais  Shhhhh!

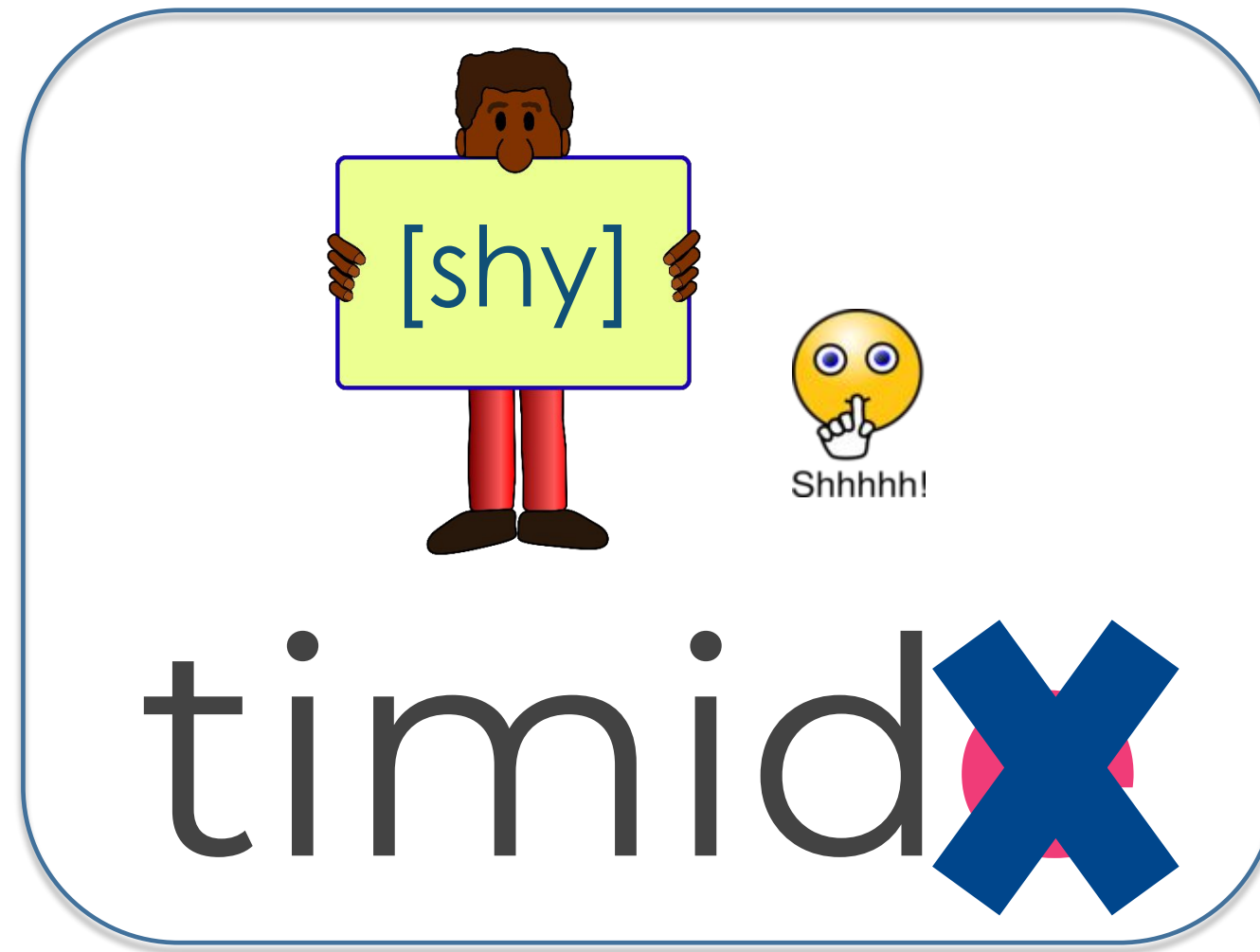
mauvais  Shhhhh!





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## Silent Final E





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## Silent Final E

monde



vie



moderne





j'étais	I was/I used to be
j'habitais	I was living/I used to live
j'allais	I used to go
j'avais	I used to have/I had
je jouais	I was playing/I used to play
j'aimais	I used to like
je détestais	I used to hate
je portais	I was wearing/I used to wear
je rêvais d'être	I used to dream of being
plus jeune	younger





# How to form the imperfect tense with regular ER verbs



The **imperfect tense** refers to what we used to do on a regular basis in the past.

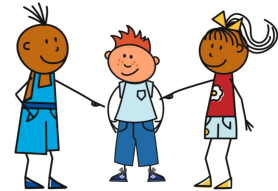
- Take the nous form of the present tense.
- Remove the -ons to form the **imperfect stem**.
- Add the **imperfect ending**.



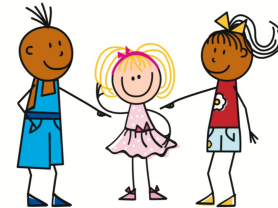
Je **jouais** - I used to play



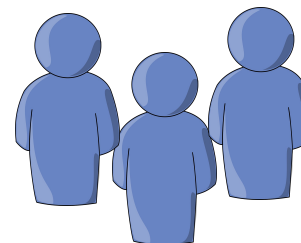
Tu **jouais** - You used to play



Il **jouait** - He used to play



Elle **jouait** - She used to play



On **jouait** - We/you used to play



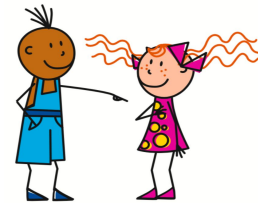
# The verb être in the imperfect tense



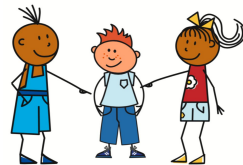
The verb être is the only verb with an irregular **imperfect stem**.  
The **imperfect ending** is still the same.



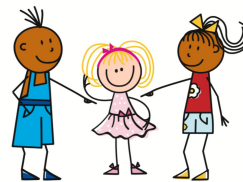
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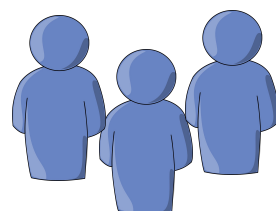
Tu **étais** - You used to be



Il **était** - He used to be



Elle **était** - She used to be



On **était** - We/you used to be





# Describing life when I was younger

1. We use the imperfect tense to describe what we...  
used to do (regularly)
2. I used to visit (visiter) =  
je visitais
3. She used to visit (visiter) =  
elle visitait
4. We used to visit (visiter) =  
on visitait
5. What is the only irregular verb in the imperfect tense?  
être (to be)
6. How do you say 'I was'?  
j'étais

