

**Spanish**

**Talking about now and then**

**Present vs Imperfect *estar, ser, tener, haber***

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# [h]

¿Las palabras llevan [h] o no?

Escucha el texto. Escribe 5 palabras que llevan [h].



**¡Hola, amigo! Hoy en la escuela tengo clases de idiomas, hablamos alemán y español. Quiero hacer deporte también pero ¡el profesor está en el hospital!**

**hola**

**hoy**

**hablamos**

**hacer**

**hospital**



**la compra**

shopping

**la entrevista**

interview

**la fiesta**

party

**dar**

to give, giving

**organizar**

to organise

**enseñar**

to show, teach

**el paseo**

walk

**la visita**

visit

**la tortilla**

omelette

**presentar**

to present, introduce

**probar**

to try (out)

**tomar**

to have, take



# Imperfect of *ser, tener, hay (haber)*



-AR verbs like **estar** add -aba, -abas, -aba to the stem in the imperfect.

-ER and -IR verbs like **tener** add -ía, -ías, -ía instead.

Past (imperfect) **tener**

*I had/used to have* = tenía.

*You had/used to have* = tenías.

*S/he or it had/used to have* = tenía.

**Ser** is irregular in the imperfect tense!

Past (imperfect) **ser**

*I was* = era.

*You were* = eras.

*S/he or it was* = era.

**Había** means  
*there was/there were*  
- the past (imperfect)  
of **hay** (haber).

## Ejemplos:

It used to have a cinema. = **Tenía** un cine.

It was very old. = **Era** muy antiguo.

In the cinema there were always lots of people. = En el cine siempre **había** mucha gente.





Traduce al español.

1	<p>In September you were in school to learn.</p>
2	<p>In January you were at home to have lessons online.</p>
3	<p>In March you were in the park to go for a walk.</p>
4	<p>In August you were at the beach to sunbathe! :)</p>
5	<p>In December you were with your family to celebrate.</p>



# The imperfect tense

1. Use the imperfect of *ser* and *estar* to mean was or used to be.
2. Use tenía to mean *had* or *used to have*.
3. Use había to mean *there was* or *there were*.
4. Complete the jigsaw translation in Spanish and English:  
Estaba en la ciudad para enseñar la iglesia a mi abuelo.  
I was in the city to show the church to my grandad.
5. *Were you at the coast to go for a walk?* → *Spanish =*  
¿Estabas en la costa para dar un paseo?

