

German

Talking about your dream job [1 / 3]

- Using the imperfect tense with regular verbs

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[j]

ja

Junge
jemand
Jahr



[g]

Geige

Garten

gemein

ganz



das Gehalt	salary
das Abitur bestehen	to pass the A Level
im Ausland arbeiten	to work abroad
eine Lehre machen	to do an apprenticeship
bei einer Firma	at a company
freiwillig	voluntarily
ein Jahr in/bei ... verbringen	to spend a year in/at
wollen	to want



We use the imperfect tense to talk about an action in the past. It is often used in literary texts.



Using the imperfect tense with regular verbs

ich	mach te
du	mach test
er/sie	mach te
wir	mach ten
ihr	mach tet
sie	mach ten

Step 1:

Find the stem of your verb. You do this by looking at the infinitive and by taking off the “-en”.

machen = mach (stem of the verb)

Step 2:

Add the correct verb endings to the stem. This depends on the pronoun.



Feedback: How many points can you get?

I used to work	I used to do	to be a teacher
abroad	in a garage	to pass the A Levels
in a hospital	to do an apprenticeship	I wanted

1 Punkt

2 Punkte

3 Punkte



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1 Punkt

ich arbeitete *ich machte* *Lehrer sein*

2 Punkte

im Ausland *in einer Werkstatt* *das Abitur bestehen*

3 Punkte

In einem Krankenhaus *eine Lehre machen* *ich wollte*

