

Spanish

Giving an account of a holiday in the past [2/ 3]

Worksheet

- Translating 'hacer'**
- Understanding the difference between the imperfect and preterite tenses**

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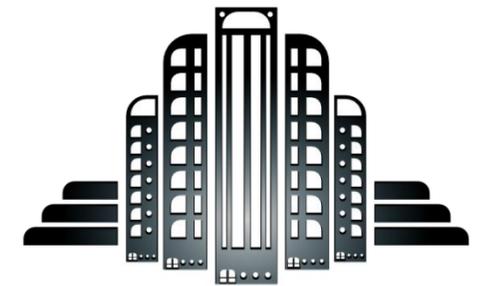
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[to say; tell]

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| el jabón | soap |
| el papel higiénico | toilet roll |
| llegar | to arrive |
| desafortunadamente | unfortunately |
| la cartera | wallet/purse |
| a pesar de | despite |
| precioso/a | beautiful |
| cerrado | closed |
| el alpinismo | mountain climbing |



'Hacer'

'Hacer' means 'to do' or 'to make'.

Many activities for which we use '**to go**' in English are also translated by '**hacer**' in Spanish.

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| hacer natación | → | to go <i>swimming</i> |
| hacer turismo | → | to go <i>sightseeing</i> |

It's an **irregular verb** - it does not follow the -rules for -er verbs. The preterite form of hacer is as follows:

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| hice <i>I did</i> | hicimos <i>we did</i> |
| hizo <i>s/he did</i> | hicieron <i>they did</i> |



'Hacer' & talking about the weather

We also use 'hacer' to talk about the weather.
You need to remember this when translating.

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|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| hace calor | → | hizo calor |
| <i>It is hot</i> | | <i>It was hot</i> |



Key verbs in the imperfect tense.

what **something, someone or somewhere** was like.

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| ser (permanent traits) = to be | estar (temporary condition; location) = to be | tener = to have | haber = there + to be |
| era <i>s/he, it was</i> | | tenía <i>s/he, it had</i> | había <i>there was/were</i> |
| | estaban <i>they were</i> | | |



Preterite & Imperfect

When talking or writing about events in the past you will often need to use the **imperfect** and **preterite** together.

Use Imperfect to describe what **something, someone or somewhere** was like.

El paisaje **era** bonito.
The landscape was pretty.

Use preterite for completed actions in the past, to say what you did or what happened.

El primer día nadé en el mar.
On the first day I swam in the sea.

El último día descubrí el parque.
On the last day I discovered a park.



Respuestas

1. Many activities for which we use 'to go' in English are also translated by _ **hacer** in Spanish.
2. **Hacer is an irregular verb. True**
3. 'I did' = **hice**
4. **We use the preterite for: a) descriptions b) actions**
5. 'Tuve' = **I had**

