

Spanish

Discussing healthy lifestyles (Part 2/3)

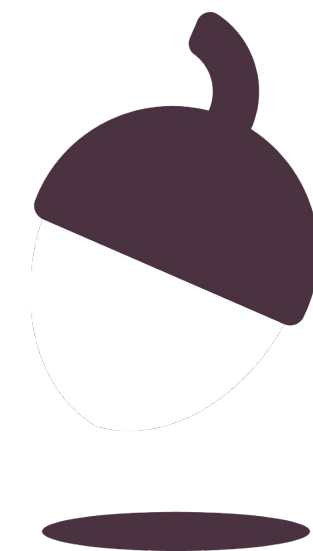
Past habitual action (imperfect) vs past completed action (preterite)



This lesson contains references to drug and alcohol use. For some people this will be a sensitive topic. If that applies to you, you may want to do the rest of this lesson with a trusted adult nearby who can support you.

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Frontera



emborracharse	to get drunk
los pulmones	lungs
el corazón	heart
el vicio	vice, bad habit
tomar	to take
perjudicial	damaging
peligroso	dangerous
el fracaso escolar	failure at school
engancharse	to get hooked
darse cuenta de	to realise
tener ganas de	to want to



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

Use **imperfect** for habitual actions in the past, with no clear beginning or end and to describe what something, someone somewhere was like in the past.

Todos los días **tomaba** drogas.

We do not know when exactly the “taking drugs” began or ended. It happened **repeatedly (habitual action)**.

Use **preterite** for completed actions in the past.

La semana pasada **tomé** drogas.

We know that the “drug taking” began and ended in a definite time frame. It is a **completed action**.



¿Pretérito o imperfecto?

1. hace un mes

P

2. todos los días

I

3. cuando tenía once años

I

4. la semana pasada

P

5. un día

P





¿Pretérito o imperfecto?

	Copia con el verbo correcto.	inglés
1.	Cuando era más joven <input type="text" value="no tomaba"/> / no tomé drogas.	When I was younger I didn't take drugs.
2.	Me emborrachaba / <input type="text" value="me emborraché"/> el sábado pasado.	I got drunk last Saturday.
3.	Hace tres semanas hacía / <input type="text" value="hice"/> algo peligroso.	Three weeks ago I did something dangerous.
4.	Mis amigos <input type="text" value="tenían"/> / tuvieron muchos vicios.	My friends had many vices.
5.	Ayer tenía / <input type="text" value="tuve"/> ganas de beber cerveza.	Yesterday I wanted to drink beer.





Jesús habla de los vicios

Todos los días intentaba comer bien y no solía beber alcohol. Sin embargo, ahora tengo muchos vicios. Por ejemplo, ayer tuve ganas de beber y me compré una cerveza. Después, salí con mi mejor amiga Ana y ella se emborrachó. En mi opinión, emborracharse es muy perjudicial y podría dañar su corazón. Tengo otro amigo que toma drogas y cree que iba a engancharse. Lo bueno es que ya no las toma y lleva una vida más sana.

Every day I used to try to eat well and I didn't tend to drink alcohol. However, now I have many vices. For example, yesterday I wanted to drink and I bought myself a beer. Afterwards I went out with my best friend Ana and she got drunk. In my opinion getting drunk is very harmful and she could damage her heart. I have another friend who used to take drugs and I thought he was going to get hooked. The good thing is that he doesn't take them any more and leads a much healthier life.



Imperfect or preterite?

- 1 Use the _____ for repeated action in the past, when we do not know when the action began or ended.
- 2 Use the _____ to describe what something, someone or somewhere was like in the past.
- 3 Use the _____ for completed actions in the past.
- 4 When talking about the past, the time phrase *todos los días* is followed by the _____.
- 5 With time phrases such as *la semana pasada*, *ayer*, *hace una semana*, use the _____.

