**L’imparfait (The imperfect Tense)**

This tense is used on three occasions:

1. To describe something that happened over a long period of time in the past tense

e.g. Pierre était un enfant sportif= Pierre was a sporty child

1. To describe something that you ‘used to’ do

e.g.quand j’étais jeune, j’adorais le basket= when I was young, I used to love basketball

1. To describe something in the past tense

e.g. le match était très excitant= the match was very exciting

il y avait beaucoup de monde à la fête= there were lots of people at the party

To form the imparfait tense, you must:

1. Get the ‘nous’ form in the present tense
2. Take away the ’nous’ & ‘ons’
3. Add the imparfait endings

Examples:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| I used to dance | Danser (to dance) | Nous dansons (we dance) | dans | = Je dansais |
| He finished | Finir (to finish) | Nous finissons (we finish) | finiss | = il finissait |

Endings:

* Je \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ais nous \_\_\_\_\_ions
* Tu \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ais vous \_\_\_\_\_iez
* Il \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ait ils \_\_\_\_\_\_\_aient
* Elle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ait elles \_\_\_\_\_aient

Irregular Verbs:

Infinitive Imparfait Stem

1. to do (faire) fais
2. to have (avoir) av
3. to go (aller) all
4. To take (prendre) pren
5. to read (lire) lis
6. to have to (devoir) dev
7. to write (écrire) écriv
8. to see (voire) voy
9. to say (dire) dis

Être (to be) is an irregular verb which changes from its present tense form:

* J’**ét**ais nous **ét**ions
* Tu **ét**ais vous **ét**iez
* Il **ét**ait ils **ét**aient
* Elle **ét**ait elles **ét**aient

**LES EXERCISES**

1. **Regular verbs-Translate:**
2. She used to live (habiter) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. You finished (finir)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. He lived (vivre)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. We build (bâtir)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. They-girls used to talk (parler)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. I used to blush (rougir)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. You-pl used to listen (écouter)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. You-plural used to start (commencer) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. I used to finish (finir) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. You used to know (saisir) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
12. he didn’t play (jouer) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
13. they-boys bit(mordre) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
14. **Irregular Verbs- Translate:**
15. We used sell (prendre) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
16. They-boys used to read (lire) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
17. We used to do (faire)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
18. He used to have to (devoir) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
19. They-girls used to have (avoir) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
20. You used to write (écrire)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
21. I saw (voire)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
22. He used to say (dire) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
23. You plural were going (aller)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
24. **Passé Composé or Imparfait?**

**Write either PC or Imp. above the verb**

1. I met her mother three times last year
2. I used to play football
3. She went on holidays to Spain
4. I used to listen to music
5. I was eighteen when I won the competition
6. She was reading a book when I entered into the room
7. It was brilliant
8. I was tired when I came home from school
9. **Traduisez en français**
10. I used to go to school in the car but I take the bike now
11. When I arrived at the party, everybody was dancing and my friend was playing the guitar
12. I used to like Justin Bieber but I don’t like him anymore
13. She said that she was doing her homework
14. We used to play basketball but we prefer tennis now
15. We used to watch the tv
16. She was very patient with me
17. The weather was bad
18. The teachers were very welcoming
19. you used to spend all your days at the beach
20. What were you doing?
21. He said that his parents were in France