**Español**

**Apuntes guiados para la lección del pretérito vs. el imperfecto**

1. When do the actions you describe with the preterit take place?
2. When do the actions you describe with the imperfect take place?
3. Which of the following situations takes the imperfect, and which take the preterit?:

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| **Situation** | **Preterit** | **Imperfect** |
| * Actions that are completed in the past * Actions that are ongoing in the past * Physical conditions (usually) * Time * A chain of events * Characteristics and descriptions of people or things * Actions that occurred habitually * The beginning or end of an action * Mental states (usually) * Telling your age |  |  |

1. What do the following verbs mean in the preterit and what do they mean in the imperfect?:

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| **Verb** | **Preterit** | **Imperfect** |
| * saber |  |  |
| * conocer |  |  |
| * poder |  |  |

1. Would the following actions be either preterit or imperfect?:

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| **Action** | **Preterit** | **Imperfect** |
| * *Did Pedro break a window?* * *I knew Pedro.* * *It was 4:58.* * *It was raining yesterday.* * *It was sunny yesterday and Pedro bought a car.* * *Pedro used to do things.* * *Pedro was a strange child.* * *Pedro was running when a tree fell down.* * *Pedro’s hamburger was delicious.* * *While Pedro was frolicking it was raining.* * *You saw Pedro?* |  |  |

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1. Say why each of the verbs in the following sentences is preterit or imperfect:

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| **Sentence** | **Why?** |
| 1. Eran las ocho. 2. Juan era pelirrojo. 3. ¿¡Lo mataste!? 4. Cuando era niño, comía muchos mariscos. 5. ¿¡Te rompiste la cara!? 6. Estaba mirando la tele cuando explotó. 7. La zarigüeya era grande. 8. Mientras retozaban los delfines, merodeaban los tiburones. 9. Ayer hizo sol. 10. Ayer hacía sol y Juan iba a ir al lugar. 11. Conocí a Juan. 12. Conocía a Juan. 13. Sabía la verdad. 14. Supe la verdad. 15. Anoche no podía dormir. 16. Anoche no pude dormir. 17. La cena estaba deliciosa. | 1. ?: 2. ?: 3. ?: 4. ?: 5. ?: 6. ?: 7. ?: 8. ?: 9. ?: 10. ?: 11. ?: 12. ?: 13. ?: 14. ?: 15. ?: 16. ?: 17. ?: |