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PRETERIT AND IMPERFECT IN THE SAME SENTENCE

- Referring to what is going on when something else occurred and interrupt it.
  - Example: Ellos hablaban (imperfect) cuando la profesora **entró** (preterit) a la clase.
- Using preterit as a result of an imperfect condition
  - Example: Rosana **cerró** (preterit) la ventana porque **tenía** (imperfect) frío.
- Quoting indirectly (indirect discourse) in the past.
  - Example: Eduardo **dijo** (preterit) que Juan **escuchaba** (imperfect) música salsa.
- Using the Imperfect to describe and existing condition or situation when something happened (Preterit)
  - Example: Cuando **salimos** (preterit) del restaurante **llovía** (imperfect) mucho. El teléfono **sonó** (preterit), **era** (imperfect) el esposo de Diana.

PRETERIT NOTES TO REMEMBER

- The **yo, él, ella**, and **usted** forms on regular preterit, require an accent mark.
- There is no accent mark in the irregular preterit.
- The verbs ending on **–car, -zar, -gar** will change the **c** to **qu**, the **g** to **gu**, and the **z** to **c** in the **yo-form** only.

-car = (c > qu)		**-gar = (g > gu)**		**-zar = (z > c)**	
bus**ca**r =	bus**qué**	lle**gar** =	lle**gué**	empe**zar** =	empe**cé**
	bus**ca**ste		lle**ga**ste		empe**za**ste
	bus**có**		lle**gó**		ecmpe**zó**

- Referring to what is going on when something else occurred and interrupted it.
  - Example: Ellos **hablaban** (imperfect) cuando la profesora **entró** (preterit) a la clase.

IMPERFECT NOTES TO REMEMBER

- There are no stem changes in the Imperfect.
- The endings for **–er** and **–ir** verbs are the same.
- The conjugation and the **yo, usted, él, ella** for is the same.
- The Imperfect form of **hay** is **había** (there was, there were, there used to be).
- Only three verbs are irregular in the Imperfect: **ir, ser**, and **ver**.

Ser	**Ir**	**Ver**
era	iba	veía
eras	ibas	veías
era	iba	veía
éramos	íbamos	veíamos
eran	iban	veían