

Spanish

Describing a Special Day (Part 3/3)

- Understanding when to use the preterite and imperfect tenses with reflexive verbs**

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[o]

océano



ola

[o]

ojo

oficina

ocio
[free time]

cocodrilo



d_s_e_t_r_s_	to wake oneself up
d__ha__e	to shower oneself
pe__a_se	to brush one's hair
a_ei_a_se	to shave oneself
v__ti_s_	to dress oneself
l_v_r_e	to wash oneself
r_z_r	to pray



la N__he_u_na	Christmas Eve
la No___vi_j_	New Years Eve
el Do__ng_ de _a_cu_	Easter Sunday
el _a_o	turkey
el v_ll_ _c_c_	carol
e_se_u_d_	immediately



despertarse

ducharse

peinarse

afeitarse

vestirse

lavarse

rezar

la Nochevieja

la Nochebuena

**el Domingo de
Pascua**

el pavo

el villancico

enseguida



Preterite or Imperfect?

If the action happened **just once**, then use the **preterite**. If the action happened **habitually**, then use the **imperfect**.

Use the time phrase to help you pick the right tense!

I always used to wake up early.

Me despertaba temprano siempre.

I woke up early yesterday.

Me desperté temprano ayer.



Respuestas

1. If the action happened once, use the preterite.
2. If the action happened continuously, use the imperfect.
3. “Rezaba” means to pray.
4. “I had a shower yesterday” is:
me duché ayer
5. ‘*I used to brush my hair*’ is:
me peinaba

