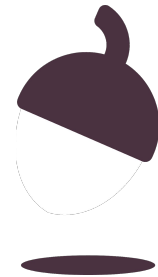


Describing a visit in the past [1/3]

- Using irregular verbs in the imperfect tense
- Using the preterite and imperfect tense together

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	Word	English meaning
1	el sitio de interés	place of interest
2	a pie	on foot
3	subir	to go up
4	acogedor	welcoming, cosy
5	abierto	open
6	el clima	climate
7	el miedo	fear
8	el pollo	chicken
9	la patata	potato
10	recorrer	to go all over, going all over



Using the imperfect tense

We use the imperfect tense to describe what **something, someone or somewhere** was like.

El paisaje **era** bonito.

The landscape was pretty.

Estaba muy cansado.

I was very tired.

Tenía unas vistas preciosas.

It had beautiful views.



Key verbs in the imperfect tense.

what **something, someone or somewhere** was like.

ser (permanent traits) = to be	estar (temporary condition; location) = to be	tener = to have	haber = there + to be
era <i>s/he, it was</i>	estaba <i>s/he, it was</i>	tenía <i>s/he, it had</i>	había <i>there was/were</i>
eran <i>they were</i>	estaban <i>they were</i>	tenían <i>they had</i>	



Preterite & Imperfect

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

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- Use **preterite** for completed
- actions in the past, to say what you
- did or what happened.
- El primer día nadé en el mar.
- *On the first day I swam in the sea.*
- El último día descubrí un parque.
- *On the last day I discovered a park.*



Respuestas

1. The **preterite** is used for completed action in the past.
2. The **imperfect** is used for descriptions in the past.
3. 'era' means 'it was' and it's in the preterite / **imperfect tense.**
4. 'La gente _____ abierta'. **era / fue**
5. 'Vi muchos sitios de interés' means
I saw many places of interest.

