



SPANISH GUIDE TO

PAST IMPERFECT SUBJUNCTIVE

USES, CONJUGATION & PRACTICE



FORMING THE SPANISH IMPERFECT SUBJUNCTIVE

Conjugation Steps

1. Take the third-person plural preterite form of the verb you want to conjugate.
2. Remove the ending '-ron'.
3. Add the appropriate past subjunctive ending.

Person	Verb Endings
Yo	-ra / -se
TÚ	-ras / -ses
Él / Ella / Usted	-ra / -se
Nosotros	-ramos / -semos
Vosotros	-rais / -seis
Ellos / Ellas / Ustedes	-ran / -sen

STEPS TO FORMING THE PAST SUBJUNCTIVE

STEP #1

Start with the 3rd person plural preterite form.

- (Ellos) pagaron
- (Ellos) tuvieron
- (Ellos) se vistieron

STEP #2

Remove the ending -ron.

- paga-
- tuvie-
- vistie-

STEP #3

Add the past subjunctive ending.

- Yo pagaraa
- Tú tuvieras
- Nosotros nos vistiéramos

Note: all the conjugations for the pronoun 'nosotros' in the imperfect subjunctive must include an accent mark on the vowel that precedes the imperfect subjunctive ending.

IMPERFECT SUBJUNCTIVE IRREGULAR VERBS

IRREGULAR STEMS

'uv' in the stem

Estar > **Estuvie-**
Tener > **Tuvie-**
Andar > **Anduvie-**

'j' in the stem

traer > **traje-**
traducir > **traduje-**
conducir > **conduje-**

'u' in the stem

saber > **supie-**
poner > **pusie-**
haber > **hubie-**
caber > **cupie-**
poder > **pudie-**

'i' in the stem

decir > **dije-**
hacer > **hicie-**
venir > **vinie-**
querer > **quisie-**



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USING THE PAST SUBJUNCTIVE SPANISH TENSE

EXPRESS POLITENESS



Quisiera pedirle un favor.
I would like to ask you for a favor.

PAST HOPES, DOUBTS, ETC.



Les pedí que tuvieran cuidado.
I asked you to be careful.

UNLIKELY SITUATIONS



Ojalá fuera un oso panda.
I wish I was a panda bear.

KEY POINTS: SPANISH IMPERFECT SUBJUNCTIVE

- The Spanish imperfect subjunctive conjugations use the stem from the third-person plural form of the preterite tense.
- To form this tense, you must replace the past indicative termination -ron with the corresponding imperfect subjunctive conjugation.
- Irregular verbs in the past preterite are also irregular in this subjunctive tense.
- In Spanish, the imperfect subjunctive tense refers to past doubts, wishes, advice, and suggestions someone had.
- It also expresses conditions and wishes that are unlikely to happen.

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