

Los usos del imperfecto

- The imperfect is used to express things that have happened in the **past**

Setting the scene: **I** was playing checkers and singing
When...
(Background info)
siempre Habitual past action:
todos We went to the beach **every** summer.
cada Long-standing situation (no set amount of time):

- Simultaneous action:
When I was a child... My Mom was a teacher.

mientras She was singing **while** I was dancing.

- Time/Date/Weather:

It was 3:30. It was May 17, 2018. It was hot and sunny.

tener Age: Jorge was 10 years old.

- *Helpful words/phrases: Siempre, **nunca**, a veces, de vez en cuando, cada, mientras, todos...

always, Sometimes, from time to time, each, while, every

Setting: Jugaba a las damas y cantaba...

Habitual: Yo iba a la playa cada verano.

Long-standing: Jorge era un niño chistoso.

Simultaneous: Ella cocinaba mientras yo hacía la tarea.

Time/date/weather: Eran las ocho. Era el cinco de junio.
Hacía calor.

Age: Jorge tenía quince años.

