

What is the Imparfait?

Worksheet

The imparfait expresses ongoing or repeated past actions. It is formed by taking the nous form of the present tense, removing -ons, and adding -ais, -ait, -ions, -iez, -aient endings.

Questions

1. How is the imparfait stem formed?
A) From the je form of present
B) From the nous form, remove -ons
C) From the infinitive base
D) From the past participle
2. Which imparfait endings match je, tu, and il?
A) -e, -es, -e
B) -ais, -ais, -ait
C) -ai, -as, -a
D) -ion, -ions, -ait
3. What does 'Elle étudiait' mean?
A) She will study
B) She is studying now
C) She was studying / She used to study
D) She had already studied
4. Which verb has an irregular imparfait stem?
A) Parler
B) Être
C) Manger
D) Regarder
5. Conjugate 'parler' (to speak) in the imparfait for the subject 'je'.
6. Conjugate 'lire' (to read) in the imparfait for 'nous'.
7. What is the imparfait form of 'aller' (to go) for the subject 'il'?
8. Define: What is the imparfait used for?
9. Define: How do you form the imparfait stem?
10. Define: What are the imparfait endings?

Answer Key

1. B) From the nous form, remove -ons — The imparfait stem comes from the nous present form minus -ons.
2. B) -ais, -ais, -ait — je parlais, tu parlais, il parlait.
3. C) She was studying / She used to study — The imparfait expresses ongoing or repeated past actions.
4. B) Être — Être has stem ét- (from Latin: ét-ais, ét-ait), not from nous sommes.
5. Find nous form: nous parlons Remove -ons: parl- Add -ais: je parlais (I was speaking / I used to speak)
6. Find nous form: nous lisons Remove -ons: lis- Add -ions: nous lisions (we used to read)
7. Find nous form: nous allons Remove -ons: all- Add -ait: il allait (he was going / he used to go)
8. To describe actions that were ongoing, repeated, or habitual in the past.
9. Take the nous present form, remove -ons. Example: nous parlons → parl-
10. -ais, -ais, -ait, -ions, -iez, -aient for je, tu, il/elle, nous, vous, ils/elles.

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