

Imperfect simultaneous past action

When two past actions occur simultaneously, they both are usually portrayed by the simple Imperfect. Use the Imperfect for both verbs in this exercise.

-ar endings

-aba	-ábamos
-abas	
-aba	-aban

-er/-ir endings

-ía	-íamos
-ías	
-ía	-ían



The English can be translated as:

We danced while he sang or We were dancing while he was singing.

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- We danced while he sang. *Bailábamos mientras él cantaba.*
- I worked while she made dinner. _____
- I studied Spanish while my husband studied Portuguese. _____
- While Guillermo played the guitar, she listened intensely. _____
_____ intensamente
- They (*f*) read the newspaper while the children slept. _____
- You (*tú*) didn't listen while I spoke. _____
- You (*Ud.*) visited with Maria while Ana waited. _____
- He chatted with his mother while she prepared the *tamales*. _____
- You all bought souvenirs while we were in the restaurant. _____
_____ recuerdos
- They (*m*) wrote while the teacher spoke. _____
- She always ate while she watched the television. _____
- We talked to him while he worked. _____
- I listened to the radio while I studied. _____
- You (*tú*) studied Spanish while you lived in Guadalajara. _____
- The children played while their parents slept. _____



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As a spoken exercise, translate the Spanish column into English, then the English column into Spanish.

1. Bailábamos mientras él cantaba.
 2. Yo trabajaba mientras ella hacía la cena.
 3. Yo estudiaba español mientras mi esposo estudiaba portugués.
 4. Mientras Guillermo tocaba la guitarra ella escuchaba intensamente.
 5. Ellas leían el periódico mientras los niños dormían.
 6. No escuchabas mientras yo hablaba.
 7. Ud. visitaba con María mientras Ana esperaba.
 8. Él platicaba con su madre mientras ella preparaba los tamales.
 9. Uds. compraban recuerdos mientras estábamos en el restaurante.
 10. Ellos escribían mientras el maestro hablaba.
 11. Ella siempre comía mientras veía la televisión.
 12. Le hablábamos a él mientras él trabajaba.
 13. Yo escuchaba el radio mientras estudiaba.
 14. Estudiabas español mientras vivías en Guadalajara.
 15. Los niños jugaban mientras sus padres dormían.
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