

Imperfect

power verbs in the past

querer	
quería	queríamos
querías	
quería	querían

ir	
iba	íbamos
ibas	
iba	iban

Here are some common Power verbs used in the Imperfect:

I wanted = *quería*, **I was going** = *iba*, **I planned** = *pensaba*

Pensar (to think) changes meaning when combined with another verb: *Yo pensaba.* = I was thinking.

Yo pensaba salir. = I planned to leave.

pensar	
pensaba	pensábamos
pensabas	
pensaba	pensaban

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- I wanted to leave today. _____
 - I wanted to tell you (*Ud.*) something. _____
 - You (*tú*) wanted to live in Mexico. _____
 - You (*Ud.*) wanted to do it today. _____
 - He wanted to buy a gift for her. _____
 - She wanted to eat early. _____
 - They (*m*) wanted to invite their cousin. _____
 - They (*f*) wanted to rest tonight. _____
 - We wanted to bring the dessert. _____
 - We wanted to meet your (*tú*) girlfriend. _____
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- I was going to do it today. _____
 - I was going to think about it. _____
 - You (*tú*) were going to spend less. _____
 - You (*Ud.*) were going to finish tonight. _____
 - She was going to prepare dinner for them (*m*). _____
 - They (*m*) were going to try to be there at 6:00. _____
 - They (*f*) were going to leave them (*m*) at home. _____
 - You all were going to tell me yesterday. _____
 - We were going to visit you all last night. _____
 - We were going to send it to you (*tú*) tomorrow. _____
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- I planned to play tennis with my friends. _____
 - He planned to give her the money. _____
 - She planned to bring it to you (*tú*). _____
 - We planned to run in the park. _____
 - We planned to see them (*m*) at the party. _____
 - They (*f*) planned to change their tickets. _____
 - They (*m*) planned to go to the concert. _____
 - You (*tú*) planned to be here early. _____
 - You (*Ud.*) planned to speak with him later. _____
 - You all planned to meet us at the bar. _____ encontramos



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

WANTED

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| 1. Yo quería salir hoy. | 1. I wanted to leave today. |
| 2. Yo quería decirle a Ud. algo. | 2. I wanted to tell you (<i>Ud.</i>) something. |
| 3. Querías vivir en México. | 3. You (<i>tú</i>) wanted to live in Mexico. |
| 4. Ud. quería hacerlo hoy. | 4. You (<i>Ud.</i>) wanted to do it today. |
| 5. Él quería comprarle un regalo a ella. | 5. He wanted to buy a gift for her. |
| 6. Ella quería comer temprano. | 6. She wanted to eat early. |
| 7. Ellos querían invitar a su primo. | 7. They (<i>m</i>) wanted to invite their cousin. |
| 8. Ellas querían descansar esta noche. | 8. They (<i>f</i>) wanted to rest tonight. |
| 9. Queríamos traer el postre. | 9. We wanted to bring the dessert. |
| 10. Queríamos conocer a tu novia. | 10. We wanted to meet your (<i>tú</i>) girlfriend. |

WAS GOING TO

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| 1. Yo iba a hacerlo hoy. | 1. I was going to do it today. |
| 2. Yo iba a pensarlo. | 2. I was going to think about it. |
| 3. Ibas a gastar menos. | 3. You (<i>tú</i>) were going to spend less. |
| 4. Ud. iba a terminar esta noche. | 4. You (<i>Ud.</i>) were going to finish tonight. |
| 5. Ella iba a prepararles la cena a ellos. | 5. She was going to prepare dinner for them (<i>m</i>). |
| 6. Ellos iban a tratar de estar allí a las seis. | 6. They (<i>m</i>) were going to try to be there at 6:00. |
| 7. Ellas iban a dejarlos en casa. | 7. They (<i>f</i>) were going to leave them at home. |
| 8. Uds. iban a decirme ayer. | 8. You all were going to tell me yesterday. |
| 9. Íbamos a visitarlos a Uds. anoche. | 9. We were going to visit you all last night. |
| 10. Íbamos a mandártelo mañana. | 10. We were going to send it to you (<i>tú</i>) tomorrow. |

PLANNED TO

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| 1. Yo pensaba jugar tenis con mis amigos. | 1. I planned to play tennis with my friends. |
| 2. Él pensaba darle el dinero a ella . | 2. He planned to give her the money. |
| 3. Ella pensaba traértelo. | 3. She planned to bring it to you (<i>tú</i>). |
| 4. Pensábamos correr en el parque. | 4. We planned to run in the park. |
| 5. Pensábamos verlos en la fiesta. | 5. We planned to see them (<i>m</i>) at the party. |
| 6. Ellas pensaban cambiar sus boletos. | 6. They (<i>f</i>) planned to change their tickets. |
| 7. Ellos pensaban ir al concierto. | 7. They (<i>m</i>) planned to go to the concert. |
| 8. Pensabas estar aquí temprano. | 8. You (<i>tú</i>) planned to be here early. |
| 9. Ud. pensaba hablar con él más tarde. | 9. You (<i>Ud.</i>) planned to speak with him later. |
| 10. Uds. pensaban encontrarnos en el bar. | 10. You all planned to meet us at the bar. |