

Imparfait (Imperfect)

2.1. Usage

- **Habitual actions in the past:**
Quand j'étais enfant, je jouais au parc. → When I was a child, I used to play in the park.
- **Ongoing actions or background descriptions:**
Il faisait froid et il pleuvait. → It was cold and raining.
- **Mental states or feelings in the past:**
Je pensais souvent à mes amis. → I often thought about my friends.

2.2. Formation

1. Take the **nous form of the present**
2. Remove **-ons**
3. Add endings: -ais, -ais, -ait, -ions, -iez, -aient

Example: Parler

Person	Conjugation
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je	parlais
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tu	parlais
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il/elle/on	parlait
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nous	parlions
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vous	parliez
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ils/elles	parlaient
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Tip: The **imperfect** often accompanies the **passé composé** to describe background actions:
Je lisais quand il est entré. → I was reading when he came in.