



THE ENGLISH IMPERFECT TENSE

1	With "SIMPLE PAST"	
	IMPERFECT INDICATIVE = SIMPLE PAST INDICATIVE	
	<u>IMPERFECTO INDICATIVO:</u> Yo vivía con mis padres antes de emanciparme.	<u>SIMPLE PAST:</u> I lived with my parents before I emancipated.
2	With "WAS / WERE + -ING"	
	IMPERFECT INDICATIVE = PAST PROGRESSIVE	
	<u>IMPERFECTO INDICATIVO:</u> Dormíamos (Estábamos durmiendo) cuando oímos la explosión.	<u>PAST PROGRESSIVE:</u> We were sleeping when we heard the explosion.
3	With "USED TO"	
	IMPERFECT INDICATIVE = HABIT IN THE PAST	
	<u>IMPERFECTO INDICATIVO:</u> Yo fumaba .	<u>HABIT IN THE PAST ("USED TO"):</u> I used to smoke .
4	With "WOULD"	
	IMPERFECT INDICATIVE = SIMPLE CONDITIONAL	
	<u>IMPERFECTO INDICATIVO:</u> Cuando estaba estresado, me tumbaba , me ponía un poco de música y me fumaba un cigarro.	<u>SIMPLE CONDITIONAL:</u> Whenever I was all stressed out, I would lie down, play some music, and smoke a cigarette.
5	With "SIMPLE CONDITIONAL"	
	IMPERFECT SUBJUNCTIVE = SIMPLE PAST	
	<u>IMPERFECTO SUBJUNTIVO + IMPERFECTO INDICATIVO:</u> Si tuviera tiempo te ayudaba (ayudaría).	<u>SIMPLE PAST + SIMPLE CONDITIONAL:</u> If I had some time I would help you.
6	With "PERFECT CONDITIONAL"	
	PLUPERFECT = PAST PERFECT	
	<u>PLUSCUAMPERFECTO SUBJUNTIVO:</u> Te habría ayudado si hubiera tenido tiempo.	<u>PAST PERFECT:</u> I would have helped you If I had had some time.