**Study Guide**

**4A: La niñez**

**To be successful on the 4A test, you must study the following:**

* **4A Vocabulary-** this is the vocabulary that includes childhood terms and activities, toys, and places visited by children
* **ALL forms of the PRETERITE**- this includes –AR/-ER/-IR regular verbs, as well as IRREGULAR verbs in the preterite
* **ALL forms of the IMPERFECT**- this includes –AR/-ER/IR verbs **and** the 3 irregulars (IR, SER, VER)
* **Preterite VS**. **Imperfect** – when to use each verb tense

**REGULAR PRETERITE FORMS:**

Use the preterite when talking about things that happened in the past that are over and done with (clear beginning and end). BOOM!

**-AR -ER / -IR USAGE:**

Yo **-é** Nosotros **-amos** Yo - **í** Nosotros **-imos 1. Single event/action**

Tú **-aste** Tú **-iste 2. Clear ending**

ÉlEllosÉlEllos **3. Completed action**

Ella **-ó**  Ellas **-aron**  Ella **–ió**  Ellas **–ieron**  **4. Specific timing**

Ud. Uds. Ud. Uds.

**-CAR/-GAR/-ZAR verbs**

In the preterite, verbs that end with *–car*, *-gar, or –zar*  are irregular in the YO form.

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tocar: yo toqué jugar: yo jugué almorzar: yo almorcé

tú tocaste tú jugaste tú almorzaste

**OTHER IRREGULAR PRETERITES:**

SER (to be)/IR (to go): fui, fuiste, fue, fuimos, fueron

Hacer (to do/to make): hice, hiciste, hizo, hicimos, hicieron

Poder (to be able): pude, pudiste, pudo, pudimos, pudieron

Tener (to have): tuve, tuviste, tuvo, tuvimos, tuvieron

Estar (to be): estuve, estuviste, estuvo, estuvimos, estuvieron

**REGULAR IMPERFECT FORMS:**

Use the imperfect when talking about things that happened repeatedly in the past. (WAVE)

**-AR -ER / -IR USAGE:**

Yo **-aba** Nosotros **-ábamos** Yo - **ía** Nosotros **-íamos 1. Repeated/ongoing in past**

Tú **-abas** Tú **-ías 2. Was/Were -ing**

ÉlEllosÉlEllos **3. No clear ending**

Ella **-aba** Ellas **-aban**  Ella **–ía**  Ellas **–ían**  **4. Description (inc. time/weather/age)**

Ud. Uds. Ud. Uds. **5. Background Info (setting)**

**IRREGULAR IMPERFECT FORMS:**

**IR:** iba, ibas, iba, íbamos, iban

**SER:** era, eras, era, éramos, eran

**VER:** veía, veías, veía, veíamos, veían

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**(BOOM!)**

***Think: What happened?***

1. **Single event or action in the past.**

Yo fui al museo ayer.

1. **Completed action in the past.**

**(clear ending)**

Yo corrí por una hora anoche.

1. **Tells SPECIFICALLY when an action took place.**

Yo cené con mi hermana el viernes pasado.

1. **Has a clear beginning and end.**

**EL IMPERFECTO**

**(~WAVE~)**

***Think: What was happening?***

1. **Repeated or ongoing action in the past. ("used to...")**

Yo iba al museo todos los sábados.

1. **Actions that were NOT completed.**

**(no clear ending)**

Yo corría mucho en el parque.

1. **Tells IN GENERAL when an action took place.**

Yo cenaba con mi hermana cuando...

1. **Does NOT have a clear beginning or end.**
2. **Background information/ descriptions.**

**(paints the picture/ sets the scene)**

Eran las dos de la tarde...

Hacía sol...

1. **Was or were "-ing".**

Yo dormía cuando el perro saltó en la cama.

**KEYWORDS**

**Ayer** (yesterday)

**Anteayer** (the day before yesterday)

**Anoche** (last night)

**De repente** (suddenly)

**El otro día** (the other day)

**Entonces** (then)

**Esta mañana/tarde/noche** (this morning/ afternoon/ evening)

**La semana pasada** (last week)

**El mes/año pasado** (last month)

**Hace dos días, años** (two days/ years ago)

**Ayer por la mañana/tarde/noche** (yesterday morning/ afternoon/ evening)

**KEYWORDS**

**A menudo** (often)

**A veces** (sometimes)

**Cada día/mes/año etc.** (every day/month/year)

**De vez en cuando** (from time to time)

**Frecuentemente** (frequently)

**Generalmente** (generally)

**Muchas veces** (many times)

**Nunca** (never)

**Por un rato** (for a while)

**Siempre** (always)

**Todas las semanas** (every week)

**Todos los días** (every day)

**Todo el tiempo** (all the time)

**Varias veces** (several times, various times)