

Imperfect subjunctive

Is created by first conjugating the verb to the 3rd person plural of the past tense.

Hablar -hablaron

Vivir - vivieron

Remove the -ron ending

Then add the following endings:

Yo -ra nosotros - ramos

Tú -ras

Él -ra ellos - ran

Irregulars – Imperfect subjunctive irregulars are different than any other irregulars. They have the option of a second set of endings. In other words, they can be found using the regular endings or the irregular endings.

These endings are as follows:

Yo - se nosotros - semos

Tú - ses

Él - se ellos - sen

Verbs that are irregular in the imperfect subjunctive:

Poder -- pudieron --> pudiera o pudiese

hacer -- hicieron --> hiciera o hiciese

decir -- dijeron --> dijera o dijese

tener -- tuvieron --> tuviera o tuviese

estar -- estuvieron --> estuviera o estuviese

ir/ser -- fueron --> fuera o fuese

Uses:

To refer to events that were incomplete in relation to a past event.

It was important to have done my homework.

Ex: Fue importante que hiciera mi tarea.

If you are trying to say I wish – use ojalá.

I wish I would have done my homework.

Ex: Ojalá que hubiese hecho mi tarea.

Use: the imperfect subjunctive is often used to make a polite request or statement. In these cases the verbs used are:

Querer

Poder

Deber