

Vocabulario

Talk About a Legend

Characters

el (la) dios(a)	god / goddess	el héroe	hero
el ejército	army	la heroína	heroine
el emperador	emperor	el (la) joven	young man / woman
el (la) enemigo(a)	enemy	la princesa	princess
el (la) guerrero(a)	warrior		

Places

la montaña	mountain
el palacio	palace
el volcán	volcano

Events

la batalla	battle	llorar	to cry
la guerra	war	morir (ue)	to die
casarse	to get married	pelear	to fight
contar (ue)	to tell (a story)	regresar	to return
llevar	to take; to carry	transformar	to transform

Parts of a Legend

la leyenda	legend
el mensaje	lesson; message
la narración	narration
el personaje	character

Descriptions

azteca	Aztec	histórico(a)	historic; historical
estar enamorado(a) (de)	to be in love (with)	querido(a)	beloved
hermoso(a)	handsome; pretty	los celos	jealousy
heroico(a)	heroic	tener celos	to be jealous
		valiente	brave

Narrate Past Events

Había una vez...	Once upon a time there was / were . . .
Hace muchos siglos...	Many centuries ago . . .
sobre	about

Gramática

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The Imperfect Tense

The **imperfect** is used to describe something that was not perfected or not completed in the past. Regular verbs in the **imperfect** take these endings:

estar	hacer	salir
est aba	hac ía	sal ía
est abas	hac ías	sal ías
est aba	hac ía	sal ía
est ábamos	hac íamos	sal íamos
est abais	hac íais	sal íais
est aban	hac ían	sal ían

Preterite and Imperfect

Use the **preterite** if the action started and ended at a definite time.

La guerra **empezó** en 1846.
The war **began** in 1846.

Use the **imperfect** to talk about past actions without saying when they began or ended.

Los guerreros no **tenían** miedo del enemigo.
The warriors **were not afraid** of the enemy.

You can apply both tenses to talk about two overlapping events.

Cuando la guerra **terminó**, Santa Ana **era** presidente de México.

When the war **ended**, Santa Ana **was** president of Mexico.

mexicana

Un águila

Un nopal

a de
inventaron
del plato
el chile y
s blanca
s (seeds) son
este plato.
ingredientes

