

A2.11.2 Imparfait : verbes réguliers

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The imparfait describes a past situation or a habit: je parlais, nous finissons, vous mangiez.

1. The imparfait of regular verbs is formed by adding the endings -ais, -ais, -ait, -ions, -iez, -aient to the verb stem.

Verbe -ER (-ER verb)	Verbe -IR (-IR verb)	Verbe -RE (-RE verb)
Je parlais (I was speaking)	Je finissais (I was finishing)	J'attendais (I was waiting)
Tu parlais (you were speaking)	Tu finissais (you were finishing)	Tu attendais (you were waiting)
Il parlait (he was speaking)	Il finissait (he was finishing)	Il attendait (he was waiting)
Nous parlions (we were speaking)	Nous finissions (we were finishing)	Nous attendions (we were waiting)
Vous parliez (you were speaking)	Vous finissiez (you were finishing)	Vous attendiez (you were waiting)
Ils parlaient (they were speaking)	Ils finissaient (they were finishing)	Ils attendaient (they were waiting)

1. Translate and choose the correct answer

- Quand j'habitais à Lyon, j'_____ le SAMU si quelqu'un se sentait très mal. (When I lived in Lyon, I called the emergency medical service if someone felt very ill.)
a. appellais b. appelait c. appelleis d. appelé
- Pendant l'alerte, nous _____ l'ambulance devant l'immeuble. (During the alert, we were waiting for the ambulance in front of the building.)
a. attendiez b. attendais c. attendons d. attendions
- Vous _____ la formation de premiers secours quand l'incendie a commencé. (You were finishing the first aid training when the fire started.)
a. finissiez b. finissés c. finissais d. finissez
- Les pompiers _____ vite et rassuraient les voisins. (The firefighters were arriving quickly and reassuring the neighbors.)
a. arrivaient b. arrivés c. arrivait d. arriveraient

1. appelleis 2. attendions 3. finissiez 4. arrivaient

2. Rewrite the phrases (QR: AI+)



- Aujourd'hui, je parle français au travail.

(Before, I spoke French at work.)
- En ce moment, tu finis ton rapport le soir.

(At that time, you were finishing your report in the evening.)

3. Cette semaine, il attend le bus devant l'hôpital.

(That week, he was waiting for the bus in front of the hospital.)

4. Aujourd'hui, nous parlons avec le client par téléphone.

(Before, we talked to the client by phone.)

1. Avant, je parlais français au travail. **2.** À cette époque, tu finissais ton rapport le soir. **3.** Cette semaine-là, il attendait le bus devant l'hôpital. **4.** Avant, nous parlions avec le client par téléphone.