

Estar + gerund

Class objective: I will be able to learn gerund with PRETÉRITO PERFECTO / PRETÉRITO INDEFINIDO y PRETÉRITO IMPERFECTO in Spanish.

Concept A: Introducción

⇒ In Spanish there are more tenses than in English. Using your example, I will try to explain the differences between 4 possible affirmative past actions, excluding those constructions harder to understand (eg; the subjunctive or conditional).

(1) Busqué a mi perro.
(I looked for my dog.)

(2) He buscado a mi perro.
(I've looked for my dog.)

(3) Estuve buscando a mi perro.
(I was looking for my dog.)

(4) He estado buscando a mi perro.
(I have been looking for my dog.)

In all these four examples constructs a past action is set and finished.

In (1) it states an action of the past, without elaborating.

In (2) is predicated upon an action of the past, and implicitly assumes that the past is recent.

In (3) it states on a state (what I was doing), and implicitly assumes that refers to a moment related to the context (depending on the previous sentence).

In (4) it states on a state (what I've been doing), and implicitly assumes that refers to a recent time.

⇒ El pretérito imperfecto suele usarse para acciones rutinarias o acciones que se repetían en el pasado. En muchos casos, es equivalente al "used to" inglés.

(The past imperfect is often used for routine actions or actions that were repeated in the past. In many cases, it is equivalent to the English "used to".)

→ Cuando iba a la universidad, te esperaba todos los días en la estación para ir juntos.
(When I went to college, I would wait for you every day at the station to go together.)

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Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of a good leader?

ANSWER

- 1. Selfish
- 2. Humble
- 3. Empathetic

QUESTION 2

- 1. A leader should be someone who is always right and never wrong.
- 2. A leader should be someone who is always confident and never uncertain.
- 3. A leader should be someone who is always strong and never weak.

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- 1. Charismatic
- 2. Visionary
- 3. Selfish

QUESTION 2

- 1. A leader should be someone who is naturally born to lead.
- 2. A leader should be someone who is naturally born to lead, but it can be learned.
- 3. A leader should be someone who is naturally born to lead, but it can be learned, and it can be taught.

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- 1. It is too broad
- 2. It is too narrow
- 3. It is too vague

QUESTION 2

- 1. The research question should be clear, specific, and measurable.
- 2. The research question should be broad and general.
- 3. The research question should be based on a personal interest.

QUESTION 3

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QUESTION 5