The imperfect

In English: I was playing   I used to play

		-AR	-ER / -IR
I	yo	**aba**	**ía**
you (sing.)*	tú	**abas**	**ías**
he / she / it	él / ella	**aba**	**ía**
we	nosotros/as	**ábamos**	**íamos**
you (pl.)**	vosotros/as	**abais**	**íais**
they	ellos / ellas	**aban**	**ían**

* (sing.) = singular   ** (pl.) = plural

Examples:

–AR verbs:

Tom<u>ar</u> = to take   we were taking ⎱ tom~~ar~~ > tom > tom<u>ábamos</u>
                              we used to take ⎰

–ER verbs:

Escond<u>er</u> = to hide   I was hiding ⎱ escond~~er~~ > escond > escond<u>ía</u>
                              I used to hide ⎰

–IR verbs:

Viv<u>ir</u> = to live   they were living ⎱ viv~~ir~~ > viv > viv<u>ían</u>
                              they used to live ⎰

Irregular verbs:

SER (to be)	IR (to go)	VER (to see)
era	iba	veía
eras	ibas	veías
era	iba	veía
éramos	íbamos	veíamos
erais	ibais	veíais
eran	iban	veían