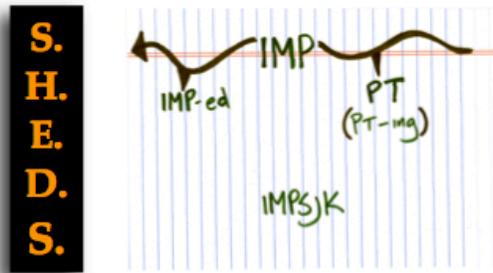


## S.H.E.D.S.



Use **SHEDS** to remember when to use the **IMP**.

- S. etting** It was a dark and stormy night.  
Era una noche de tormenta.
- H. abitual** We **used to go** to the beach every summer.  
Íbamos a la playa cada verano.
- E. motions** He **loved** her. He **was always thinking** of her.  
Él la **amaba**. Él siempre **pensaba** en ella.
- D. escription** The thief **wore** stockings on his head.  
El ladrón **llevaba** los pantis puestos en la cabeza.
- S. omeone was doing something**  
I **was talking** to you when the phone rang.  
Yo te **estaba hablando** cuando sonó el teléfono.

Try using **S.H.E.D.S** with the following story. Choose whether the verbs are **PT** or **IMP** and why. Go ahead and label them. Then test your answers against mine.

Story:

Cuando **éramos** niños, mi hermano menor y yo siempre **jugábamos** afuera.  
When we **were** young, my younger brother and I always **played** outside.

Durante los veranos, **pasábamos** horas jugando bajo el sol.  
During the summers, we **used to spend** hours playing in the sun.

A nosotros nos **gustaba** andar en bicicleta por las calles o por los senderos en el bosque.  
To us **it was pleasing** to ride bikes on the streets or through the woods.

**Nadábamos** en el lago o en la piscina de un amigo.

We **used to swim** at the lake or in a friend's pool.

Nos **tirábamos** la pelota o la **pateábamos** con otros niños.

We **would play catch** or we **would kick** the ball with other boys.

**Trepábamos** los árboles.

We **used to climb** trees.

**Bebíamos** la limonada en la sombra del patio y **devolvíamos** a jugar.

We **would drink** lemonade in the shade on the deck and we **would go back** to playing.

Todo **cambió** en un día.

All of this **changed** one day.

Yo **bajaba** las escaleras cuando **oí** un sonido desconocido.

I **was going down** the stairs when I **heard** a strange sound.

Yo **entré** el cuarto y **encontré** mi hermano sentado delante de nuestro televisor viejo,

I **entered** the room and **found** my brother seated in front of our old TV,

*¡pero con un Atari 64!*

but with an Atari 64 hundred!

*¡Por horas él solo **mudó** los pulmares!*

For hours he only **moved** his thumbs!

*¡No se **levantó** nunca! Finalmente, **era** la hora de cenar.*

He never **got up!** Finally it **was** time to eat dinner.

Él **querría** jugar más después de la cena, pero papá le **dijo** que no **podiera**.

He **wanted** to play more after dinner, but Dad **said** that he **wasn't able** to.

Answers:

Cuando **éramos** niños, mi hermano menor y yo siempre **jugábamos** afuera.

When we **were** (**S.etting**) young, my younger brother and I always **played** (**H.abit**) outside.

Durante los veranos, *pasábamos* horas jugando bajo el sol.  
During the summers, we **used to spend (H.abit)** hours playing in the sun.

A nosotros nos *gustaba* andar en bicicleta por las calles o por los senderos en el bosque.  
To us **it was pleasing (E.motion)** to ride bikes on the streets or through the woods.

*Nadábamos* en el lago o en la piscina de un amigo.  
We **used to swim (H.abit)** at the lake or in a friend's pool.

Nos *tirábamos* la pelota o la *pateábamos* con otros niños.  
We **would play catch (H.abit)** or we **would kick (H.abit)** the ball with other boys.

*Trepábamos* los árboles.  
We **used to climb (H.abit)** trees.

*Bebíamos* la limonada en la sombra del patio y *devolvíamos* a jugar.  
We **would drink (H.abit)** lemonade in the shade on the deck and we **would go back (H.abit)** to playing.

Todo *cambió* en un día.  
All of this **changed (PT)** one day.

Yo *bajaba* las escaleras cuando *oí* un sonido desconocido.  
I **was going down (S.omeone was doing S.omething)** the stairs when I **heard (PT)** a strange sound.

Yo *entré* el cuarto y *encontré* mi hermano sentado delante de nuestro televisor viejo,  
I **entered (PT)** the room and **found (PT)** my brother seated in front of our old TV,

*¡pero con un Atari 64!*  
but with an Atari 64 hundred!

*¡Por horas él solo mudó los pulmares!*  
For hours he only **moved (PT)** his thumbs!

*¡No se levantó nunca! Finalmente, era la hora de cenar.*  
He never **got up (PT)**! Finally it **was (D.escription)** time to eat dinner.

Él *querría* jugar más después de la cena, pero papá le *dijo* que no *pudiera*.  
He **wanted (E.motion)** to play more after dinner, but Dad **said (PT)** that he **wasn't able** to.

How did you do?

Let's see how the **IMP** was used.

The **IMP** sets up the initial setting.

Then the **IMP** is used for all the habitual items that are listed. Notice that it's not yet a chronological story. You could switch the order of most of the habit sentences and not change the meaning of what was happening.

There is one **Emotion** sentence, and even though one could argue that the emotion was felt habitually every time we rode bikes, it is safer to label emotional responses as **E**, rather than **H**.

There's an **IMP** sentence that gets interrupted by the **PT**. This is classic **IMP & PT**. Someone was Doing Something "when" **BANG!** the **PT** happened.

*Yo bajaba las escaleras cuando oí un sonido desconocido.*

**IMP cuando PT**. Learn that. **IMP "when" PT**.

Standard structure. High frequency of use.

The structure in which **PT** comes first is **PT mientras IMP**.

"This happened **while** this other thing was going on."

Another standard, yet less dramatic structure.

Back to the story.

When normal **PT** use takes over the story, we might be only listing events, but these events have a specific order which conveys the story.

The **IMP** works back in a little bit only to set up the final **PT**.

Dad **said** that my brother was done.

And that final **PT** brings about the use of the **IMPSJK**.

. . . my brother **was done**.

The use of the **IMPSJK** can best be described as Dad imposed his will upon my brother in The Past. Since he didn't impose his will in The Present, we can't use **PSJK**, we have to use **IMPSJK**. See also: [Reported Speech](#)

You may also have noticed I used "would" when translating the **IMP**. I did this because this is how we speak English. We don't repeat "used to" over and over again. We say "used to" and "would" interchangeably. Yet, you must make note not to confuse this "would" with a **CON**ditional "would."