**El pasado**

This assignment uses the following site:

<http://www.studyspanish.com/>

This is an exceptional site for grammar support. There is a free and paid version. I am only having you do the free version activities.

**El pretérito y El imperfecto**

When learning the past tenses in Spanish there are a few things you need to know. Firstly, there are two forms of the past tense: the preterite and the imperfect. Each one has specific verb endings for conjugation. You will learn how to conjugate in the past tense for both regular and irregular verbs (there are quite a few to remember in the preterite). Secondly, you need to know when to use each verb form. The following lessons will take you through what you need to know. It is quite a bit of information and takes practice. Give yourself time to do this and feel free to take notes if that helps you.

Go to main site: <http://www.studyspanish.com/>

Click on GRAMMAR tab across the top.

Click on Unit 6 and do activities **a, b and c** for the following lessons (left navigation panel)

Lesson 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68\*\*, 69, 70\*\*, 71, 72, 73 and 74.

\*\*More advanced concepts.

**More practice with the conjugating verbs in the PAST TENSE**

From the main page: <http://www.studyspanish.com/>

Click on VERB DRILLS across the top.

Do lessons 13-16 and 17 (left navigation panel)

Generate a unique quiz

Click on GENERATE A UNIQUE QUIZ. This is for you to practice this concept before doing the graded assignment.

Once you know how to conjugate in the preterite and imperfect tense, the next step is determining which one to use when. This is a little harder and takes some practice. Each one of these sites has activities where you can practice choosing the correct form of the verb. These are some great sites to practice this concept:

<http://preteriteimperfect.weebly.com/practice.html>

<http://www.drlemon.com/Grammar/pretvsimp.html>

<http://www.colby.edu/~bknelson/SLC/pret_imp.php>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/suenos/way_we_were/>

<http://www.trinity.edu/mstroud/grammar/pret4.htm>

<http://www.bowdoin.edu/~eyepes/newgr/pretimp2.htm>

<http://conjuguemos.com/home/docs/php/list.php?type=fillin&division=grammar&language=spanish> (scroll to preterite versus imperfect section)

<http://bit.ly/ecR6St>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ow2JaPzk_9w>

<http://quizlet.com/195457/preterite-vs-imperfect-flash-cards/>

**This is your ASSIGNMENT**

Write me a 200-250 word paragraph explaining everything you did yesterday from waking up to going to bed. (25 marks)

Write me a 200-250 word paragraph talking to me about your childhood in general. Include one significant event that happened to you. (25 marks)

For the above two paragraphs, I looking to see that the paragraph makes sense of course but mostly, I am evaluating the degree to which you can use the preterite and imperfect correctly.

5 Excellent Almost all correct. Few errors. (i.e. 90-100% correct)

4 Very Good Predominantly correct. Some errors. (i.e. 76-89% correct)

3 Good Many of the verbs are correct. (i.e. 60-75% correct)

2 Not yet able to correctly use the past tense (40-59%)

1 Needs more work. Go back and review the websites given in the assignment.