

Croeseiriau Cymraeg Part 3.1 (Crosswords 13-20) - Grammar - The Past Tense And More

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The Past Imperfect - Yr Amser Amherffaith

The imperfect tense in Welsh translates as 'I was' or 'I used to'. For example, 'Roeddwn i'n chwarae' translates as 'I was playing' or 'I used to play'. In the sample sentences below there are links to vocabulary pages many of which include soundfiles to assist with pronunciation.

Affirmative

Roeddwn i	I was, I used to
Roeddet ti (familiar)	You were, you used to
Roeddech chi (formal)	You were, you used to
Roedd e/hi	He/She was, he/she used to
Roedden ni	We were, We used to
Roedden nhw	They were, they used to

The particle 'yn' is used to connect Verb-Nouns. 'Yn' contracts to 'n' following a vowel. Here are some examples:-

Roeddwn i'n [cerdded](#) i'r [llyfrgell](#). - I was walking to the library.

Roeddet ti'n [bwydo](#)'r [gath](#). - You were feeding the cat.

Roeddech chi'n [gweithio](#) [ddoe](#). - You were working yesterday

Roedd e'n [darllen](#) y [llyfr](#). - He was reading the book.

Roedd hi'n [chwilio](#) am yr [allweddi](#). - She was looking for the keys.

Roedden ni'n [yfed](#) yn y [dafarn](#). - We were drinking in the pub.

Roedden nhw'n [cuddio](#) yn y [goedwig](#). - They were hiding in the woods.

Negative

Doeddwn i ddim	I wasn't
Doeddet ti ddim (familiar)	You weren't
Doeddech chi ddim (formal)	You weren't
Doedd e/hi ddim	He/She wasn't
Doedden ni ddim	We weren't
Doedden nhw ddim	They weren't

e.g. **Doeddwn i ddim yn cerdded** - I wasn't walking

Questions

Oeddwn i	Was I?
Oeddet ti (familiar)	Were you?
Oeddech chi (formal)	Were you?
Oedd e/hi	Was he/she?
Oedden ni	Were we?
Oedden nhw	Were they?

e.g. **Oeddech chi'n cerdded?** - Were you walking?

Answers

Oeddwn / Nac oeddwn	Yes I was, No I wasn't
Oeddet / Nac oeddet (familiar)	Yes you were, No you weren't
Oeddech / Nac oeddech (formal)	Yes you were, No you weren't
Oedd / Nac oedd	Yes he/she was, No he/she wasn't
Oedden / Nac oedden	Yes we were, No we weren't
Oedden / Nac oedden	Yes they were, No they weren't

N.B. In Welsh as in other languages there is a tendency to contract or abbreviate terms and phrases for ease of articulation. Consequently in commonly spoken Welsh you will hear the Imperfect Tense expressed as follows. We have used [Siarad - To Talk/Speak](#) as a helper verb in the examples below:-

Affirmative

Ro'n i'n siarad	I was talking, I used to talk
Ro't ti'n siarad (familiar)	You were talking, you used to talk
Ro'ch chi'n siarad (formal)	You were talking, you used to talk
Roedd e/hi siarad	He/She was talking, he/she used to talk
Ro'n ni'n siarad	We were talking, We used to talk
Ro'n nhw 'n siarad	They were talking, they used to talk

Negative

Ro'n i ddim yn siarad	I wasn't talking
Ro't ti ddim yn siarad (familiar)	You weren't talking
Ro'ch chi ddim yn siarad (formal)	You weren't talking
Roedd e/hi ddim yn siarad	He/She wasn't talking
Ro'n ni ddim yn siarad	We weren't talking
Ro'n nhw ddim yn siarad	They weren't talking

Questions

O'n i'n siarad?	Was I talking?
O't ti'n siarad? (familiar)	Were you talking?
O'ch chi'n siarad? (formal)	Were you talking?
Oedd e/hi yn siarad?	Was he/she talking?
O'n ni'n siarad?	Were we talking?
O'n nhw'n siarad?	Were they talking?

Answers

O'n / Nac o'n	Yes I was / No I wasn't
O't / Nac o't (familiar)	Yes you were / No you weren't
O'ch / Nac o'ch (formal)	Yes you were / No you weren't
Oedd / Nac oedd	Yes he/she was / No he/she wasn't
O'n / Nac o'n	Yes we were / No we weren't
O'n / Nac o'n	Yes they were / No they weren't

TEST YOURSELF

The wordlists below include sample sentences which employ the past imperfect tense. We hope the example sentences will prove useful to you. All wordcards include soundfiles to help with pronunciation.



Cymraeg Vocabulary Crossword 3.1 Dwi'n Hoffi Teithio - I Like Travelling

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Cymraeg Vocabulary Crossword 3.2 Yr Amser Amherffaith - The Past Imperfect

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