Verbs with irregular stems in the imperfect

Dare (to give) and **stare** (to stay) have an irregular stem, but just remember the "root vowel trick" and they are super regular!

dare	Example	stare	Example
da-vo		sta-vo	
da-vi		sta-vi	
da-va	*Il prof dava sempre troppi compiti.* The prof was always giving too much of homework.	sta-va	*Stavo in pensiero per loro.* I was worried about them.
da-vamo		sta-vamo	
da-vate		sta-vate	
da-vano		sta-vano	

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For verbs ending in *-urre*, like *tradurre* (to translate), change *-durre* to *-duce* and add the regular endings:
***traduce* + *-vo, -va, -vi, -vamo, -vate, -vano*.**

Verbs ending in *-urre*	Stem	Example	Translation
condurre (to lead)	*conduce-*	*Cesare conduceva le truppe.*	Caesar used to lead his troops.
dedurre (to deduce/to gather)	*deduce-*	*Deducevamo facilmente dalle prove.*	We easily used to deduce from the evidence.
indurre (to convince/to provoke)	*induce-*	*Mi induceva a reagire.*	It was making me react.
introdurre (to introduce)	*introduce-*	*Introducevano bene l'argomento.*	They were introducing the topic well.
produrre (to produce)	*produce-*	*Producevate un ottimo olio.*	You were producing a great oil.
ricondurre (to connect, to bring back)	*riconduce-*	*Ogni strada mi riconduceva a casa.*	Every road was taking me back home.
ridurre (to reduce, to decrease)	*riduce-*	*Le distanze si riducevano tra di noi.*	The distance between us was decreasing.
riprodurre (to reproduce)	*riproduce-*	*Lo scan non riproduceva bene le immagini.*	The scan was not reproducing the images well.
sedurre (to seduce)	*seduce-*	*I suoi occhi ci seducevano.*	His/Her eyes were seducing us.

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For verbs ending in *-orre,* like *imporre* (to impose), change *-porre* to *-pone* and add the regular endings: *impone + -vo, -va, -vi, -vamo, -vate, -vano*.

Verbs ending in *-orre*	Stem	Example	Translation
comporre (to compose)	*compone-*	*Morricone componeva della bellissima musica.*	Morricone was composing beautiful music.
deporre (to testify)	*depone-*	*Il testimone deponeva in tribunale.*	The witness was testifying in court.
esporre (to present)	*espone-*	*Esponevamo le nostre idee.*	We used to present our ideas.
porre (to pose)	*pone-*	*Ponevo sempre un fiore sulla tomba.*	I always put a flower on the tomb.
ricomporre (to reconstruct, to reassemble)	*ricompone-*	*I bambini ricomponevano il puzzle.*	The children were reassembling the puzzle.
scomporre (to break up)	*scompone-*	*Scomponevamo il puzzle.*	We were breaking up the puzzle.

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For verbs ending in *-arre,* like *estrarre* (to extract), change *-trarre* to *-trae* and add the regular endings: *estrae + -vo, -va, -vi, -vamo, -vate, -vano*.

Verbs ending in *-arre*	Stem	Example	Translation
attrarre (to attract)	*attrae-*	*Il miele attraeva l'orso.*	Honey was attracting the bear.
distrarre (to distract)	*distrae-*	*Il rumore mi distraeva.*	The noise was distracting me.
ritrarre (to portray)	*ritrae-*	*Gli artisti ritraevano i paesaggi.*	The artists were portraying landscapes.
sottrarre (to subtract)	*sottrae-*	*Voi sottraevate l'affitto dal salario.*	You were subtracting the rent from your salary.
trarre (to take (out))	*trae-*	*Noi traevamo vantaggio dalla situazione.*	We were taking advantage of the situation.
Other verbs that follow this pattern: *astrarre* (to abstract from), *contrarre* (to contract), *detrarre* (to deduct), *protrarre* (to prolong)			

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