

El Pretérito

Un Repaso

The Preterite is used for:

- actions that can be viewed as single events.
- actions that were repeated a specific number of times.
- actions that occurred during a specific period of time.
- actions that were part of a chain of events.
- stating the beginning or the end of an action.

The endings...

■ -ar

- é
- aste
- ó
- amos
- asteis
- aron

■ -er & -ir

- í
- iste
- ió
- imos
- isteis
- ieron

Stem-Change!

- Only verbs that stem-change in the present AND end in –ir will change in the preterite.
- Only 3rd person singular and plural change.
- And it's a ½ change
 - o-u
 - e-i
- Not the boot, but the sole... (or thong or flip-flop) 😊

Por ejemplo...

■ Dormir

- Dormí
- Dormiste
- **Durmió**

Dormimos

Dormisteis

Durmieron

IRREGULAR YO

- In the yo... verbs that end in –
 - gar = gué
 - car = qué
 - zar = cé

El Pretérito:

Los Irregulares

Slightly Different endings...

- e
- iste
- o
- imos
- isteis
- ieron
 - Unless it's in the "J" group, then it's just eron

Several different groups...

■ U Group

- andar – to walk
- estar – to be
- poder – to be able to
- poner – to put
- saber – to know
- tener – to have

■ The new stems...

- anduv
- estuv
- pud
- pus
- sup
- tuv

Por ejemplo...

- I walked to school this morning.
 - Yo anduve a la escuela esta mañana.
- He walked to school yesterday.
 - Él anduvo a la escuela ayer.
- We were at school until 7 last night.
 - Estuvimos en la escuela hasta las siete anoche.

The next group...

■ The I/J Group

- decir – to say/tell
- hacer – to do/make
- querer – to want
- venir – to come
- traer – to bring

■ the new stems

- dij
- hic (*hizo*)
- quis
- vin
- traj

Por Ejemplo...

- They told the truth yesterday.
 - Ellos dijeron la verdad ayer.
- She wanted to leave early.
 - Ella quiso salir temprano.
- I didn't bring my book last week.
 - Yo no traje mi libro la semana pasada.

Dar & Ver

- di
- diste
- dio
- dimos
- disteis
- dieron
- vi
- viste
- vio
- vimos
- visteis
- vieron

Ser & Ir

- Fui
- Fuiste
- Fue
- Fuimos
- Fuisteis
- Fueron

-Yó/-Yeron

- Verbs like creer, caer(se), leer, oír and construir fit into this group.
- The Ud., él & ella form end in yó
- The Uds., ellos & ellas form end in yeron
- The remaining forms have an accent on the i

Por Ejemplo

- Leí
- Leíste
- Leyó
- Leímos
- Leísteis
- Leyeron