

REVIEWING THE PRETERITE TENSE

YOU SHOULD KNOW THESE DIFFERENT TYPES OF VERBS AND HOW THEY CHANGE IN THE PRETERITE. THERE ARE MORE CATEGORIES, BUT KNOW THESE WELL FOR NOW.

1. REGULAR VERBS

-AR verbs

Endings:

- é, aste, ó, amos, asteis, aron

Example: hablar (to speak)

- hablé, hablaste, habló, hablamos, hablasteis, hablaron
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-ER / -IR verbs

Endings:

- í, iste, ío, imos, isteis, ieron

👉 Example: comer (to eat)

- comí, comiste, comió, comimos, comisteis, comieron

👉 Example: vivir (to live)

- viví, viviste, vivió, vivimos, vivisteis, vivieron

[YOU CAN PRACTICE THE REGULAR VERBS IN CONJUGUEMOS HERE](#)

2. IRREGULAR VERBS (ROOT CHANGERS WITH NEW ENDINGS)

These verbs:

- Change their stem completely (QUERER—QUIS...)
- Use special endings (no accents!)

Endings:

- e, iste, o, imos, isteis, ieron (but notice the drop of the “i” with ellos and ending in “j”)

👉 Common stems:

- tener → tuv-
- estar → estuv-
- poder → pud-
- poner → pus-
- saber → sup-
- hacer → hic- (él = hizo)
- venir → vin-
- querer → quis-
- decir → dij- (ellos = dijeron) notice the drop of the “i” in the ellos ending for these verbs
- Traer – traj (ellos trajeron) notice the drop of the “i” in the ellos ending for these verbs
- Obtener—obtuv
- Traducir—traduj notice the drop of the “i” in the ellos ending for these verbs
- Conducir—conduj notice the drop of the “i” in the ellos ending for these verbs
- Caber—cup

- Producir—produj notice the drop of the “i” in the ellos ending for these verbs
- Andar—---anduv

👉 Example: tener

- tuve, tuviste, tuvo, tuvimos, tuvisteis, tuvieron

[You can practice ROOT CHANGES here with conjuguemos.](#)

[Here are all these verbs conjugated and with meanings](#)

4. -IR STEM-CHANGING VERBS (These verbs are ZAPATO in the present tense)

Only -IR verbs have stem changes in the preterite!!!!!!!

Rule:

- Change happens in él/ella/usted and ellos/ellas/ustedes
- Change is e → i or o → u in the last vowel before the ending, ar, er, ir.

👉 Example: pedir (e → i)

- pedí, pediste, **pidió**, pedimos, pedisteis, **pidieron**

👉 Example: dormir (o → u)

- dormí, dormiste, **durmió**, dormimos, dormisteis, **durmieron**
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Some of these verbs are: dormir, morir, pedir, preferir, servir, sentir, mentir, divertirse, reírse, vestirse, seguir, conseguir, repetir, competir, convertir, medir, teñir, hervir.

[FOLLOW THIS LINK TO WORK THESE VERBS ON CONJUGUEMOS...](#)

[THIS LINK TAKES YOU TO THE CONJUGATED VERBS](#)

5. KEY USES OF THE PRETERITE

Use it for:

- ✓ Completed actions
- ✓ Specific moments in time
- ✓ A sequence of events

There are more types of verbs but you should stress these this summer.