

Notes From



THE PRETERITE TENSE: Formation & Uses

...refers to specific past actions performed:

- *at a fixed point in time
- *a specific number of times
- *the start or end of an action



For all regular -AR verbs

-é	-amos
-aste	-asteis
-ó	-aron

go on the end the ending is dropped

For all regular -ER/-IR verbs

-í	-imos
-iste	-isteis
-ió	-ieron

oh-oh

Spelling Changes [Yo form only] with -CAR/-GAR/-ZAR

-CAR... "c" changes to "qu" • buscar = yo busqué • practicar = yo practiqué	-GAR... insert a "u" before the "e" • llegar = yo llegué • jugar = yo jugué	-ZAR... "z" changes to "c" • empezar = yo empecé • almorzar = yo almorcé
---	---	--

THE PRETERITE TENSE : Irregular Stems & Endings

♪ Irregular preterites // have got their own set of stems // and their own set of endings // that don't have accent marks on them ♪

- U-stem group**
- UV-stem**
andar (to walk) anduv-
tener (to have) tuv-
estar (to be) estuv-
 - U-stem**
caber (to fit) cup-
saber (to know) sup-
haber (to have) hub-
poner (to put/place) pus-
poder (to be able to) pud-

ex. obtener
obtuve, obtuviste, obtuvo, obtuvimos, obtuvisteis, obtuvieron

- I-stem**
querer (to want) quis-
hacer (to do) hic-
venir (to come) vin-

- J-stem**
**traer (to bring) traj-
**traducir (to translate) traduj-
**decir (to say) dij-
**conducir (to drive) conduj-
**producir (to produce) produj-

-e	-imos
-iste	-isteis
-o	-ieron **j + eron Ex: dijeron

only 3rd-Person Plural of J-stem

-eron

not -jieron!! → the j replaces i



THE PRETERITE TENSE: Other Irregulars!

SER and also IR

fui	fuimos
fuiste	fuisteis
fue	fueron

It's like they hate you...

VER

vi	vimos
viste	visteis
vió	vieron

DAR

di	dimos
diste	disteis
dió	dieron

THE PRETERITE TENSE: -Ir Verb Stem-Changers

NOTE: These change in [3rd person singular/plural] only!!! → "shoe verbs"

*Not all present-tense stem changers even have a change in preterite!

Present tense boot O → UE becomes Preterite shoe (O → U)

- dormir (to sleep)

durmió	durmieron
--------	-----------

- morir (to die)

murió	murieron
-------	----------

Present tense boot E → IE becomes Preterite shoe (E → I)

- mentir (to lie)

mintió	mintieron
--------	-----------

- sentir (to feel sorry)

sintió	sintieron
--------	-----------

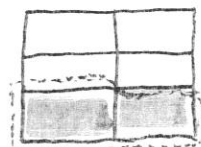
Present tense boot E → I stays (E → I), but in preterite shoe

- pedir (to request)

pidió	pidieron
-------	----------

- seguir (to follow)

siguió	siguieron
--------	-----------



"shoe verb"



-ER or -IR spelling change of (I → Y) [in, 3rd person singular/plural only]

NOTE: These change in [3rd person singular/plural] only, and only because you have the "i" between two other vowels. The i → y represents the stronger, consonant-like sound change.

caer (to fall)

cayó

cayeron

caerse (to fall down)

se cayó

se cayeron

creer (to believe)

creyó

creyeron

leer (to read)

leyó

leyeron

oír (to hear)

oyó

oyeron

poseer (to possess)

poseyó

poseyeron

proveer (to provide)

proveyó

proveyeron