

Preterite (el pretérito)

The preterite is used for past actions that are seen as completed.

To conjugate **regular -ar** verbs in the preterite, simply drop the ending (-ar) and add one of the following:

Yo (I)	é
tú (you)	aste
él/ella (he /she)	ó
nosotros (we)	amos
vosotros (you pl)	asteis
ellos/ellas (they)	aron

To conjugate **regular -er and -ir** verbs in the preterite, simply drop the ending (-er or -ir) and add one of the following:

Yo (I)	í
tú (you)	iste
él/Ella (He /She)	ió
nosotros (we)	imos
vosotros (you pl)	isteis
ellos/ellas (they)	ieron

Here are all three regular preterite verb forms together:

Hablar

hablé

hablaste

habló

hablamos

hablasteis

hablaron

Comer

comí

comiste

comió

comimos

comisteis

comieron

Vivir

viví

viviste

vivió

vivimos

vivisteis

vivieron

Note: the nosotros forms for -ar and -ir verbs are the same in both preterite and present tenses: **hablamos, vivimos.**