

REPASO Imperfect Tense

Add the following endings to the stems of **regular verbs**.

-ar verbs	-er / -ir verbs
-aba	-ía
-abas	-ías
-aba	-ía
-ábamos	-íamos
-abais	-íais
-aban	-ían

irregular verbs	
ir:	iba ibas íbamos íbais iban
ser:	era eras éramos erais eran
ver:	veía veías veíamos veíais veían

REPASO Preterite vs. Imperfect

Use the **preterite tense** for:

- actions completed in the past
- actions that interrupt
- the main event

Use the **imperfect tense** to describe:

- the time or weather
- ongoing actions or states of being
- background information

The verbs **saber** and **conocer**.

Saber and **conocer** take on different meanings in the preterite. **Saber** means *found out* and **conocer** means *met*.

Hoy **supe** que vamos a pasar dos semanas de vacaciones en la playa.
Today **I found out** that *we're going to spend two weeks of vacation at the beach*.

El último día del viaje, **conoci** a un surfista que se llama Santiago.
The last day of the trip, I met a surfer named Santiago.

REPASO Preterite Tense of Regular Verbs

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-ar verbs	-er/-ir verbs
-é	-í
-aste	-iste
-ó	-ió
-amos	-imos
-asteis	-isteis
-aron	-ieron

Verbs ending in **-car**, **-gar**, and **-zar** have a spelling change in the **yo** form.

practicar → yo **practiqué**

navegar → yo **navegué**

organizar → yo **organicé**

REPASO Irregular Preterites

These verbs have irregular stems in the preterite.

i-Stem	u-Stem	uv-Stem	j-Stem
hacer	haber	andar	decir
hic-/hiz-	hub-	anduv-	dij-
querer	poder	estar	traer
quis-	pud-	estuv-	traj-
venir	poner	tener	conducir
vin-	pus-	tuv-	conduj-
	saber		
	sup-		

• **Ser** and **ir** have the same irregular conjugations.

fui	fuiimos
fuiсте	fuiстеis
fue	fueron

• **Dar** and **ver** have regular **-er/-ir** endings but with no written accent marks.

Stem-changing verbs in the preterite.

Verbs ending in **-ir** that have a stem change in the present tense change from **o** → **u** or **e** → **i** in the form **s** of **usted/él/ella** and **ustedes/ellos/ellas** in the preterite.

dormir (ue, u)

Nosotros **dormimos** en casa.

Ellas **durmieron** al aire libre.