

Preterit

The preterit is formed in regular verbs by adding the preterit endings to the stem.

	1		2		3	
	hablar		comer		partir	
yo	habl <i>é</i>	I spoke, I did speak	com <i>í</i>	I ate,	part <i>í</i>	I left, did
tú	habl <i>aste</i>	you spoke, etc.	com <i>iste</i>	did eat	part <i>iste</i>	leave
Ud.	habl <i>ó</i>		com <i>ió</i>		part <i>ió</i>	
él(ella)	habl <i>ó</i>		com <i>ió</i>		part <i>ió</i>	
nosotros	habl <i>amos</i>		com <i>imos</i>		part <i>imos</i>	
Uds.	habl <i>aron</i>		com <i>ieron</i>		part <i>ieron</i>	
ellos	habl <i>aron</i>		com <i>ieron</i>		part <i>ieron</i>	

Note: First- and third-person singular forms in all conjugations require a written accent. First-person plural forms of *-ar* and *-ir* verbs are identical to the present. As with the imperfect, endings for *-er* and *-ir* verbs are identical.

In this manual *I spoke* will be translated with the preterit as will *I did speak*. In negative or interrogative verbs, *I did not...* or *did I...* may indicate either imperfect or preterit.

Para practicar

Write the preterit of each verb that corresponds to the subject indicated:

yo

viajar

trabajar

estudiar

comer

vender

insistir

recibir

tú

unir

acabar

comprar

romper

correr

abrir

tomar

Ud.

comer	asistir	echar	preparar	subir	pasar
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

trabajar
_____**Pepe**

viajar	hablar	aprender	resistir	llamar	responder
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

echar
_____**nosotros**

trabajar	comprar	amar	vender	beber	correr
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

vivir
_____**tú y él**

estudiar	comer	abrir	tomar	viajar	subir
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

pasar
_____**Uds.**

trabajar	comprar	hablar	aprender	temer	escribir
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

viajar

ellos

guardar

comprender

asistir

abrir

pasar

echar

beber

Aplicación

A. Write the following infinitives in the preterit and in the person indicated by the subject.

- 1. yo (llevar) _____
- 2. nosotros (abrir) _____
- 3. tú (llegar) _____
- 4. Pepe y Juan (comer) _____
- 5. ella (beber) _____
- 6. tú y él (meter) _____
- 7. María y Elena (viajar) _____
- 8. Ud. (vivir) _____
- 9. mis amigos (pasar) _____
- 10. Uds. (vender) _____
- 11. yo (abrir) _____
- 12. Pablo (asistir) _____
- 13. ellos (recibir) _____
- 14. nosotras (tomar) _____
- 15. ~~ustedes~~ (temer) _____
- 16. ella (abrir) _____
- 17. Juan y él (escribir) _____
- 18. Uds. (necesitar) _____

B. Write (1) the preterit ~~and (2) the present~~ of each verb given in the present.

- 1. tomamos _____
- 2. enseñan _____
- 3. Ud. contesta _____
- 4. reciben _____
- 5. aprende _____
- 6. asisto _____
- 7. tememos _____
- 8. venden _____
- 9. aprendo _____
- 10. contesto _____
- 11. Uds. toman _____
- 12. abre _____
- 13. necesita _____
- 14. recibes _____
- 15. trabaja _____
- 16. echan _____
- 17. suben _____
- 18. comprendo _____

A. Write the following infinitives in the preterit and in the person indicated by the subject.
(continued)

19. tú (vender) _____
 20. nosotros (beber) _____
 21. ellos (aprender) _____
 22. yo (tomar) _____
 23. ella (estudiar) _____
 24. Ud. (beber) _____
 25. yo (recibir) _____

B. Write (1) the preterit and (2) the imperfect of each verb given in the present.
(continued)

19. corre _____
 20. trabajo _____
 21. Ud. prepara _____
 22. guardan _____
 23. pasamos _____
 24. viajo _____
 25. echas _____

Mastery Test

Write in the preterit, using infinitives on page 6.

1. we answered _____
 2. they sold _____
 3. I learned _____
 4. did you (s., fam.) listen? _____

 5. she did not ask _____
 6. you (s., for.) hid _____
 7. we took _____
 8. they did not drink _____
 9. we attended _____
 10. I did teach _____
 11. you (s., fam.) asked _____
 12. they worked _____
 13. you (pl., for.) joined _____
 14. I lived _____
 15. you (pl., fam.) answered _____

 16. you (pl., for.) did write _____

 17. she understood _____
 18. they did not learn _____
 19. we wrote _____
 20. did he study? _____ *tu*
 21. you (s., fam.) sold _____
 22. he taught _____
 23. he attended _____

24. I sold _____
25. you (pl., fam.) did live _____

26. they received _____
27. I attended _____
28. they asked _____
29. we drank _____
30. you (s., for.) studied _____
31. I did not answer _____
32. did you (pl., for.) open? _____

33. they did not understand _____

34. you (s., fam.) did not need _____

35. we sold _____
36. did you (s., for.) take? _____

37. we did not receive _____
38. she feared _____
39. I wrote _____
40. did you (pl., fam.) ask? _____