

Many Spanish verbs have an irregular stem plus a special set of endings in the preterite. The endings for these verbs are: **-e, -iste, -o, -imos, -isteis, -ieron**. Note that the **yo** and **él** forms are stressed on the stem, not on the ending.

DECIR *to say, tell*

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| dije | dijimos |
| dijiste | dijisteis |
| dijo | dijeron |

ESTAR *to be*

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| estuve | estuvimos |
| estuviste | estuvisteis |
| estuvo | estuvieron |

HACER *to do, make*

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| hice | hicimos |
| hiciste | hicisteis |
| hizo | hicieron |

PODER *to be able, can*

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| pude | podimos |
| podiste | podisteis |
| pudo | podieron |

PONER *to put*

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| puse | pusimos |
| pusiste | pusisteis |
| puso | pusieron |

QUERER *to want, love*

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| quise | quisimos |
| quisiste | quisisteis |
| quiso | quisieron |

SABER *to know*

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| supe | supimos |
| supiste | supisteis |
| supo | supieron |

TENER *to have*

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| tuve | tuvimos |
| tuviste | tuvisteis |
| tuvo | tuvieron |

TRAER *to bring*

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| traje | trajimos |
| trajiste | trajisteis |
| trajo | trajeron |

VENIR *to come*

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| vine | vinimos |
| viniste | vinisteis |
| vino | vinieron |

ANDAR *to walk*

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| anduve | anduvimos |
| anduviste | anduvisteis |

CABER *to fit*

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| cupe | cupimos |
| cupiste | cupisteis |

PRODUCIR *to produce*

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| produce | produjimos |
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| produjiste | produjisteis |
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| produjo | produjeron |
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NOTES

- For the third person singular of **hacer** in the preterite, the stem is spelled **hiz-** (**hizo**). The spelling change **c** → **z** before **o** retains the /s/.
- Irregular preterites whose stem ends in **-j**, such as **dij-** (**decir**) and **traj-** (**traer**), have **-eron** and not **-ieron** in the third person plural form: **dijeron**, **trajeron**, **produjeron**. Other verbs ending in **-ducir** are conjugated like **producir** in the preterite: **tradujeron** (**traducir** *to translate*), **condujeron** (**conducir** *to drive*).
- Compound forms of the verbs **hacer** (**rehacer**, **satisfacer**), **poner** (**proponer**, **reponer**), **tener** (**mantener**, **sostener**), **traer** (**atraer**, **distraer**), and **venir** (**convenir**, **prevenir**) are conjugated the same way as the main verb.
- The preterite form of **hay** (*there is, there are*) is **hubo**.

Dar (*to give*) takes the endings of regular **-er** and **-ir** verbs in the preterite. Note that the first and third person singular forms are written without an accent mark. **Ver** (*to see*), which is regular in the preterite, has no written accent marks, like **dar**.

| DAR | |
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| di | dimos |
| diste | disteis |
| dio | dieron |

| VER | |
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| vi | vimos |
| viste | visteis |
| vio | vieron |

Ser (*to be*) and **ir** (*to go*) have the same forms in the preterite tense. Although isolated sentences may be ambiguous (for example, **fue** means both *he was* and *he went*), context usually clarifies the meaning.

| SER/IR | |
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| fui | fuimos |
| fuiste | fuisteis |
| fue | fueron |