**BÁSICOS: Preteriteo Irregulares (Preterite Irregular)**

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**(**[**http://www.drlemon.com/Grammar/irreg-pret.html#.UiS6cF\_D9jo**](http://www.drlemon.com/Grammar/irreg-pret.html#.UiS6cF_D9jo)**)**

While there are more irregulars in the Preterite past tense than in any other tense, the good news is that Spanish makes up for it with a 99.99% regular [Imperfect past tense](http://www.drlemon.com/Grammar/imperfect.html)!

**\*NOTE: All Verbs with grossly irregular changes in the Preterite:**

* **1. Adopt a new stem (I-, UV-, U-, J-)**
* **2. Follow the pattern for -ER/IR conjugation (regardless of –AR, -ER, -IR)**
* **3. Don’t require accent marks**
* **I - hacer, querer, venir**
* **UV - andar, estar, tener**
* **U - poder, poner, saber**
* **J - conducir, decir, traer**
* **MISC. (Shorties) – dar, ver, ir/ser**

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|  | **Irregular Preterite Verbs (*-AR, -ER, -IR)*** |
| ***Yo*** | *-e* |
| ***Tú*** | *-iste* |
| ***Él, ella, usted*** | *-o* |
| ***Nosotros*** | *-imos* |
| ***Ellos, ellas, ustedes*** | *-ieron\** *\* -eron* = IR/SER and verbs with a "J" at the end of the stem (conducir, decir, traer) drop the "i" and just use: *-eron*  *Ex. ir/ser 🡪fu-(fueron)**Ex. decir🡪dij- (dijeron) / traer🡪traj- (trajeron)*  |

**Here are some common Irregular verbs in the Preterite:**

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|  | **Yo** | **tú** | **él, ella, usted** | **nosotros** | **vosotros** | **ellos, ellas, ustedes** |
| ***Hacer\* (🡪I)*** | hice | hiciste | hizo\* | hicimos | hicisteis | hicieron |
| ***Querer (🡪I)*** | quise | quisiste | quiso | quisimos | quisisteis | quisieron |
| ***Venir (🡪I)*** | vine | viniste | vino | vinimos | vinisteis | vinieron |
| ***Andar (🡪UV)*** | anduve | anduviste | anduvo | anduvimos | anduvisteis | anduvieron |
| ***Estar (🡪UV)*** | estuve | estuviste | estuvo | estuvimos | estuvisteis | estuvieron |
| ***Tener (🡪UV)*** | tuve | tuviste | tuvo | tuvimos | tuvisteis | tuvieron |
| ***Poner (🡪U: US)*** | puse | pusiste | puso | pusimos | pusisteis | pusieron |
| ***Poder (🡪U: UD)*** | pude | pudiste | pudo | pudimos | pudisteis | pudieron |
| ***Saber (🡪U: UP)*** | supe | supiste | supo | supimos | supisteis | supieron |
| ***Conducir\* (🡪J)*** | conduje | condujiste | condujo | condujimos | condujisteis | condujeron |
| ***Decir\* (🡪J)*** | dije | dijiste | dijo | dijimos | dijisteis | dijeron |
| ***Traer\* (🡪J)*** | traje | trajiste | trajo | trajimos | trajisteis | trajeron |
| ***Dar*** | di | diste | dio | dimos | disteis | dieron |
| ***Ver*** | vi | viste | vio | vimos | visteis | vieron |
| ***Ir & Ser\**** | *fui* | *fuiste* | *fue* | *fuimos* | *fuisteis* | *fueron* |
| \****Hacer*** in the ***third person singular*** changes out the "c" for a "z" to reflect the correct pronunciation (Ex. Ella hizo).***\*CAR, GAR, ZAR Verbs*** like brinCAR, juGAR, and empeZAR (not shown in chart) are regular except they have a spelling change in the Yo form (Ex. Yo brinqué, jugué,empecé) ***\*Conducir, Decir, Traer*** adopt a "J" in the stem in the Preterite and only add "-eron" (NOT "-ieron") to the ***third person plural*** (Ex. Ellos dijeron).***\*IR/SER*** also adds “eron” (NOT “-ieron”) to the ***third person plural*** (Ex. Ellos fueron) |