

Preterite of -er and -ir verbs

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- To form the **preterite** of **-er** verbs, add these endings to the verb's stem.

volver	
yo	volv í
tú	volv iste
usted, él, ella	volv ió
nosotros(as)	volv imos
vosotros(as)	volv isteis
ustedes, ellos, ellas	volv ieron

Preterite of -ir verbs

- The **preterite** is used to talk about what happened at a specific point in the past.
- To form the **preterite** of **-ir** verbs, add these endings to the verb's stem.

escribir	
yo	escribí
tú	escribiste
usted, él, ella	escribió
nosotros(as)	escribimos
vosotros(as)	escribisteis
ustedes, ellos, ellas	escribieron

¿**Recibieron** la tarjeta?

Sí, la **recibimos** ayer. Gracias.

Preterite endings

- Regular **-er** and **-ir** verbs have the same endings in the **preterite**.
- Stem-changing **-er** verbs don't have a stem change in the preterite.

Preterite of ver

- The verb **ver** has regular **preterite** endings but without written accents.

yo **vi**

nosotros(as) **vimos**

tú **viste**

vosotros(as) **visteis**

usted, él, ella **vio**

ustedes, ellos, ellas **vieron**