

El Pretérito con -car/-gar/-zar verbs

- Verbs ending in -car/-gar/-zar have a spelling change in the _____.
 - All other forms of the verb follow the regular conjugation pattern.
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-car verbs

- -car ending verbs change from **c** → **qu** in the **yo form only**.

buscar – to search for

busqué buscamos
buscaste
buscó buscaron

Other verbs that follow this pattern:

atacar – to attack explicar – to explain
pescar – to fish sacar – to take out
tocar – to play (instrument), touch

-gar verbs

- -gar ending verbs change from **g** → **gu** in the **yo form only**.

llegar – to arrive

llegué llegamos
llegaste
llegó llegaron

Other verbs that follow this pattern:

entregar – to hand in jugar – to play
pagar – to pay pegar – to hit
negar – to deny rogar – to beg

-zar verbs

- -zar ending verbs change from **z** → **c** in the **yo form only**.

comenzar – to begin

comencé comenzamos
comenzaste
comenzó comenzaron

Other verbs that follow this pattern:

abrazar – to hug almorzar – to eat lunch
cruzar – to cross empezar – to begin
rezar – to pray

El Pretérito – Stem Changing Verbs

- Only _____ ending verbs stem change in the preterite tense.
- These verbs only stem change in the _____.
- These verbs only change 1 letter, e → i, or o → u.

mentir (ie) – to lie
mentí mentimos
mentiste
mintió mintieron

vestirse (i) – to get dressed
me vestí nos vestimos
te vestiste
se vistió se vistieron

dormir (ue) – to sleep
dormí dormimos
dormiste
durmió durmieron

Other verbs that follow this pattern:

divertirse (ie) – to have fun, enjoy oneself
morir (ue) – to die
pedir (i) – to ask for, request
preferir (ie) – to prefer
**reír (i) – to laugh

repetir (i) – to repeat
sentir (ie) – to regret, be sorry
servir (i) – to serve
**sonreír (i) – to smile

** Accent on every form except “ellos/ellas/Uds.”**

Práctica

- *Conjuga en el pretérito.*

1. pescar – yo

2. jugar – ella

3. abrazar – yo

4. tocar – nosotros

5. llegar – yo

6. almorzar – tú

7. explicar – ellos

8. pegar – yo

9. preferir – nosotros

10. dormir – ella

11. pedir – yo

12. vestirse – Julio

13. mentir – los chicos

14. morir – mi abuelo

15. servir – tú

16. sonreír – ellas