

# The preterit tense (El pretérito)

- The preterit is one of **2 past tenses** in Spanish.
- To **conjugate** in the preterit follow these two steps:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_

*(There are no stem changers for – ar/ – er verbs, there are for – ir verbs)*

## Preterit Endings

- AR	
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- ER/- IR	
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- The preterit is often translated as:  
\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ejemplos:** yo bailé – I danced, I did dance  
tú vendiste – you sold, you did sell  
ella corrió – she ran, she did run  
nosotros recibimos – we received, we did receive

- Unfortunately there are **MANY IRREGULAR VERBS** in the preterit tense that will just have to be memorized!

