

## El pretérito: verbos con cambios de radical

The Preterite: Verbs with Stem Changes

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Verbs ending in “-eer”, “uir” and the verb oír have a “y” in the ud./él/ella and uds./ellos/ellas forms only.

- Some common verbs in this group:

Creer (to believe)  
 Leer (to read)  
 Construir (to construct)  
 Oír (to hear)

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These verbs use Regular Preterite endings in all other forms.

Verb Infinitives: creer / leer / construir / oír			
Singular Subjects		Plural Subjects	
<b>yo</b>	creí / leí construí oí	<b>nosotros nosotras</b>	creímos / leímos construímos oímos
<b>tú</b>	creíste / leíste construiste oíste	<b>vosotros vosotras</b>	creísteis / leísteis construisteis oísteis
<b>ud. él ella</b>	creyó / leyó construyó oyó	<b>uds. ellos ellas</b>	creyeron / leyeron constuyeron oyeron

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-Ir verbs which have a stem change in the Present Tense also have a stem change in the Preterite Tense in the él/ella/ud and ellos/ellas/uds. forms.

Verb Infinitives: pedir / dormir			
Singular Subjects		Plural Subjects	
<b>yo</b>	pedí dormí	<b>nosotros</b> <b>nosotras</b>	pedimos dormimos
<b>tú</b>	pediste dormiste	<b>vosotros</b> <b>vosotras</b>	pedisteis dormisteis
<b>ud.</b> <b>él</b> <b>ella</b>	<b>pidió</b> <b>durmió</b>	<b>uds.</b> <b>ellos</b> <b>ellas</b>	<b>pidieron</b> <b>durmieron</b>

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### Verbs in this category...

(e-->i)		(o-->u)	
pedir	<i>to ask for, request, order</i>	dormir	<i>to sleep</i>
competir	<i>to compete</i>	morir	<i>to die</i>
preferir	<i>to prefer</i>		
repetir	<i>to repeat</i>		
servir	<i>to serve</i>		
reír	<i>to laugh</i>		
sonreír	<i>to smile</i>		

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