

**¡AVANZA!**

**Goal:** Learn the preterite forms of **-ir** stem-changing verbs. Then practice the stem changes in the third person singular and plural. *Actividades 11–13*

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**English Grammar Connection:** Most English verbs in the past tense have the same form no matter who the subject is: *I asked, you asked, they asked.* In Spanish, however, some verbs must change their **stems** in the past tense depending on the person who carries out the action.

## Preterite of **-ir** Stem-Changing Verbs

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Remember that many **-ir** verbs have stem changes in the present tense. These verbs change stems in some forms of the preterite tense too.

**Here's how:** Stem-changing **-ir** verbs in the preterite change only in the **usted/él/ella** and the **ustedes/ellos/ellas** forms.

Preterite tense **e → i**

<b>pedir</b> to ask for	
pedí	pedimos
pediste	pedisteis
pidió	pidieron

Preterite tense **o → u**

<b>dormir</b> to sleep	
dormí	dormimos
dormiste	dormisteis
durmió	durmieron

¿Qué **pidieron** en el mercado?  
What **did** they ask for at the market?

Zulma **durmió** diez horas anoche.  
Zulma **slept** ten hours last night

Here are some other **e → i** preterite stem-changing verbs that follow the pattern of **pedir**.

<b>preferir</b>	to prefer
<b>servir</b>	to serve
<b>vestirse</b>	to get dressed
<b>competir</b>	to compete
<b>seguir</b>	to follow

¿Quiénes **competieron** en el campeonato?  
Who **competed** in the championship?

Nosotros **competimos** y ganamos.  
We **competed** and we won.

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