

Presentación de GRAMÁTICA

AVANZA!

Goal: Learn the spelling changes of **-car**, **-gar**, and **-zar** verbs in the preterite. Then use these verbs to say what you did. *Actividades 5–8*

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English Grammar Connection: Some verbs are spelled differently in the past tense in order to maintain their pronunciation. English verbs that end in the letter *c*, for example, have a *k* added before the *-ed* ending to maintain the hard *c* sound.

Present: I panic.

Past: I panicked.

Preterite of **-car**, **-gar**, and **-zar** Verbs

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In the preterite, verbs that end in **-car**, **-gar**, and **-zar** are spelled differently in the **yo** form to maintain their pronunciation.

Here's how:

buscar **c** becomes → **qu** (yo) **busqué**

pagar **g** becomes → **gu** (yo) **pagué**

empezar **z** becomes → **c** (yo) **empecé**

tú Form

¿**Buscaste** las ruinas?

Did you look for the ruins?

¿**Pagaste** la cuenta?

Did you pay the bill?

¿Cuándo **empezaste** la excavación?

When did you begin the excavation?

yo Form

Sí, **busqué** las ruinas.

Yes, I looked for the ruins.

No, no **pagué** la cuenta.

No, I didn't pay the bill.

Empecé la excavación ayer.

I began the excavation yesterday.

Here are some other verbs that change in the same way.

-car	-gar	-zar
sacar	llegar	almorzar
tocar	jugar	comenzar

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