

Presentación de GRAMÁTICA

¡AVANZA!

Goal: Learn more irregular preterite stems and endings. Then use them to describe a visit to an ancient site. *Actividades 11–14*

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English Grammar Connection: Some English verbs completely alter their root forms in the past tense. They do not take the standard past-tense endings of *-d* and *-ed*.

to **bring** He **brought** **traer** Él **trajo**

More Verbs with Irregular Preterite Stems

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The verbs **venir**, **querer**, **decir**, and **traer** are irregular in the preterite.

Here's how: All four verbs have irregular **preterite stems**. **Venir** and **querer** take the same **preterite endings** as **estar**, **poder**, **poner**, **saber**, and **tener**.

Verb	Stem	Irregular Preterite Endings	
venir <i>to come</i>	vin-	-e	-imos
querer <i>to want</i>	quis-	-iste	-isteis
		-o	-ieron

¿Ustedes **vinieron** de la biblioteca?
Did you come from the library?

The verb **querer** usually has a different meaning in the preterite. It means *tried*.

Quisimos ver las ruinas, pero no pudimos.
We tried to see the ruins, but we couldn't.

The **preterite stems** of **decir** and **traer** end in **j**. Use the same irregular **preterite endings** as above, but drop the **i** from the **ustedes/ellos/ellas** ending.

Verb	Stem	ustedes/ellos/ellas
decir <i>to say; to tell</i>	dij-	dijeron
traer <i>to bring</i>	traj-	trajeron

Ellos **trajeron** unas cerámicas de México. *They brought some ceramics from Mexico.*
Marcos me **dijo** que están hechas a mano. *Marcos told me that they're handmade.*

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