

Presentación de GRAMÁTICA

AVANZA!

Goal: Learn how to form the preterite of regular **-er** and **-ir** verbs. Then use them to talk about activities you and others did. *Actividades 5–9*

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English Grammar Connection: Remember that you use the past tense to talk about what happened or what you did. Most English verbs have just one form in the simple past tense: *I lived, you lived, they lived*. In Spanish, verbs in the past tense have different endings for each person.

Preterite of **-er**, **-ir** verbs

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Regular **-er** and **-ir** verbs are different from regular **-ar** verbs in the **preterite** tense.

Here's how: Regular **-er** and **-ir** verbs have the same **preterite** endings.

comer to eat			
yo	comí	nosotros(as)	comimos
tú	comiste	vosotros(as)	comisteis
usted, él, ella	comió	ustedes, ellos(as)	comieron

escribir to write			
yo	escribí	nosotros(as)	escribimos
tú	escribiste	vosotros(as)	escribisteis
usted, él, ella	escribió	ustedes, ellos(as)	escribieron

Note that the **nosotros** form of **-ir** verbs is the same in the preterite and in the present tense (**-imos**). Look for clues in the sentence to help you know whether the verb is in the present or past tense.

Recibimos el premio **ayer**.
We **received** the prize **yesterday**.

The word **ayer** tells you that **recibimos** is in the preterite tense.

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