

## Class Notes

### Preterite Tenses

#### A. Regular Preterites

##### -AR Verbs

é            amos  
aste        (asteis)  
ó            aron

##### -ER Verbs

í            imos  
             iste        (isteis)  
ió            ieron

#### \*YO FORM SPELLING CHANGES

-car    c → qué

-gar    g → gué

-zar    z → cé

\*DAR is treated like an -er/-ir verb.

#### VER

di            dimos  
diste        disteis  
dio            dieron

vi            vimos  
viste        visteis  
vio            vieron

\* i → y spelling changes

“double-vowel verbs” -eer, -uir, -aer and -oir

i → y in the él and ellos forms

#### STEM CHANGING VERBS

- -ar and -er verbs: if the verbs stem change in the present tense, they will not change in the preterite.
- -ir verbs: e → i, o → u in the él and ellos forms only.

#### USES OF THE PRETERITE

Describes events or actions that took place and were completed in the past.

Yo leí el libro.

I read the book.

## B. Irregular Preterites

### 1. Completely Irregular

fui	=	I went	I was
fuiste	=	You went	You were
fue	=	He/She/It went	He/She/It was
fuimos	=	We went	We were
fuisteis	=	You (pl.) went	You (pl.) were
fueron	=	They went	They were

### 2. J stem group

traer	traj	e	imos
decir	dij	iste	isteis
producir	produj	o	eron

### 3. I stem group and U stem group

querer	quis	e	imos
hacer*	hic	iste	isteis
venir	vin	o	ieron

\* the él form is hizo

estar	estuv	poner	pus
andar	anduv	saber	sup
poder	pud	tener	tuv

### 4. hay → hubo = there was, there were

## C. Preterite Meaning Changes

- conocer = met
- poder = succeeded
- querer = tried
- no querer = refused
- saber = found out
- tener = got, received