

Preterite: Part VI

A number of verbs that are irregular in the preterite follow a particular pattern. While their stems change, they all take the following endings:

Yo	e
Tú	iste
Él/Ella/Ud.	o
Nosotros/as	imos
Vosotros/as	isteis
Ellos/as Uds	ieron

Here are the verbs, along with their corresponding stem changes:

andar	anduv-	to walk
estar	estuv-	to be
tener	tuv-	to have

caber	cup-	to fit
poder	pud-	to be able to
poner	pus-	to put
saber	sup-	to know
hacer	hic-	to do, make
querer	quis-	to want
venir	vin-	to come

Here are two examples of how this pattern is applied:

Pronouns	estar	saber
Yo	estuve	supe
Tú	estuviste	supiste
Él/Ella/Ud.	estuvo	supo
Nosotros/as	estuvimos	supimos
Vosotros/as	estuvisteis	supisteis
Ellos/as Uds	estuvieron	supieron

Note: The one exception is the third person singular of *hacer*. As you learned in a previous lesson, the **c** changes to **z** to form "hizo."

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