

El Pretérito de Verbos en AR

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1. El pretérito--the preterite tense--is used to describe actions that happened in the past.
2. If a person wants to describe an *ongoing* past tense action, another tense (the imperfect indicative) is used.
3. To form the preterite tense of regular AR verbs, *drop the – ar* of the infinitive *to form the stem* of the verb.

Example: hablar
habl-

4. To the stem of the verb, add the following endings:

é	amos
aste	asteis
ó	aron

The *nosotros form* is the same in the present and preterite tenses.

Look for *context clues* to tell which tense is meant in the sentence.

Palabras Que Indican el Pasado

<i>ayer</i>	-	yesterday
<i>anoche</i>	-	last night
<i>anteayer</i>	-	day before yesterday
<i>ayer por la mañana</i>	-	yesterday morning
<i>ayer por la tarde</i>	-	yesterday afternoon
<i>la semana pasada</i>	-	last week
<i>el año pasado</i>	-	last year