

## The PRETERITE for regular Verbs

Just as in the Present Tense, we remove the last two letters to get to the stem or root of the verb and then add endings. In the Present Tense there were three (3) sets of conjugations because the Nosotros form was different for **-Ar**, **-Er**, and **-Ir** verbs. However, in the **Preterite** the endings for **-Er** verbs and **-Ir** verbs are the same. So there are only two (2) sets of endings we need to remember: those for the **-Ar** verbs and those for the **-Er-Ir** verbs.

	AR VERBS	ER/IR VERBS
Yo	é	í
Tú	aste	iste
Él, ella, usted	ó	ió
Nosotros	amos	imos
Ellos, ellas, ustedes	aron	ieron

	Yo	Tú	Él	Nosotros	Ellos
<b>Hablar</b>	hablé	hablaste	habló	hablamos	hablaron
<b>Comer</b>	comí	comiste	comió	comimos	comieron
<b>Vivir</b>	Viví	viviste	vivió	vivimos	Vivieron
<b>Correr</b>	Corrí	Corriste	Corrió	Corrimos	Corrieron
<b>Nadar</b>	Nadé	Nadaste	Nadó	Nadamos	Nadaron
<b>Salir</b>	Salí	Saliste	Salió	Salimos	Salieron

The Nosotros form in the Preterite is the same as the Nosotros in the Present Tense for "-Ar" and "Ir" verbs.