

## Pretérito (Preterite)

- \* **A past tense - Simple past**
- \* **Used to refer to events that have already happened.**
- \* **Used for completed past actions.**
- \* **Things that happened once.**

(If you can say it happened repeatedly or "used to" in the past it's **not** preterite.)

### *How to form it*

- When we change endings on verbs we change meaning. (Verb Conjugation)
- The *process* of conjugating a verb in the preterite is the same as the process of conjugating in the present tense.
  - \*Start with an infinitive verb
  - \*Remove the "-ar -er -ir" ending from the infinitive. Leaving the stem.
  - \*Attach the new ending that matches the pronoun for who you are talking about.
- We simply use *different endings* to reflect which period of time we are communicating about.

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## When do you use the preterite?

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