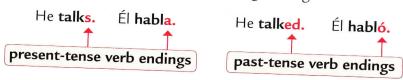
Presentación de GRAMÁTICA

AVANZA!

Goal: Learn how to form the preterite of regular -ar verbs. Then use them to talk about activities you and others did in the past. Actividades 5-8

English Grammar Connection: Tense refers to when an action takes place. Many verbs are spelled differently in the past tense than they are in the present tense. For regular verbs, the endings change.



Preterite of -ar Verbs

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The preterite tense in Spanish tells what happened at a particular moment in the past. How do you form the preterite of -ar verbs?

Here's how: Like present-tense verbs, you form the preterite tense of regular verbs by adding tense endings to the verb stem.

	visit	t ar to visit	
yo	visit <mark>é</mark>	nosotros(as)	visit <mark>amos</mark>
tú	visit <mark>aste</mark>	vosotros(as)	visitasteis
usted, él, ella	visit <mark>ó</mark>	ustedes, ellos(as)	visit <mark>aron</mark>

Durante las vacaciones, yo monté a caballo, mi mamá visitó un museo y mis hermanos nadaron.

During vacation, I went horseback riding, my mom visited a museum, and my brothers went swimming.

The nosotros ending in the preterite tense is the same as in the present tense. Look for clues in the sentence to help you determine whether the verb is in the present or past tense.

Acampamos anoche en el parque. We camped last night in the park.

The word anoche tells you that the verb acampamos is in the preterite tense, not the present.

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