Preterite Tense

to talk about actions that were completed in the past

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| Yo é | Nosotros amos |
| Tú aste | (Vosotros) asteis |
| Él  Ella ó  Ud. | Ellos  Ellas aron  Uds. |

-er

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| Yo í | Nosotros imos |
| Tú iste | (Vosotros) isteis |
| Él  Ella ió  Ud. | Ellos  Ellas ieron  Uds. |

-ir

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| Yo í | Nosotros imos |
| Tú iste | (Vosotros) isteis |
| Él  Ella ió  Ud. | Ellos  Ellas ieron  Uds. |

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NOTES—

1. –ar and –er verbs that have a stem-change in the present tense \_\_\_\_\_DO NOT\_\_\_\_\_ have a stem-change in the preterite

probar I try it on Yo me pruebo (PRESENT)

I tried it on Yo me probé (PRETERITE)

2. Ver has regular endings but does NOT use accents

yo vi nosotros vimos

tú viste

él vio ellos vieron

3. Verbs ending in –car, --gar, --zar

have a spelling change in the YO form

buscar c🡪qu busqué

pagar g🡪gu pagué

almorzar z🡪c almorcé