# Stem changing Verbs in the Preterite

* Regular endings

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| -AR |  | -ER |  | -IR |  |
| -é | -amos | -í | -imos | -í | -imos |
| -aste | -asteis | -iste | -isteis | -iste | -isteis |
| -ó | -aron | -ió | -ieron | -ió | -ieron |

* AR and –ER Stem Changing Verbs do NOT change in the preterite. They keep their original spelling in the stem.
* SOME –IR Stem Changing Verbs have SOME changes in the preterite.

e 🡪 i in the third person forms (he, she, they, you formal)

For example : pedir

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| yo | pedí | nosotros | pedimos |
| tú | pediste | vosotros | pedisteis |
| él, ella, Ud. | pidió | ellos, ellas, Uds. | pidieron |

Others :

-preferir (to prefer)

-divertirse (to have fun)

-mentir (to lie)

-sentirse (to feel)

-competir (to compete)

-servir (to serve)

-despedirse (to say goodbye to)

-seguir (to follow, continue)

-vestirse (to get dressed)

-repetir (to repeat)

o 🡪 u in the third person forms (he, she, they, you formal)

For example : dormir

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| yo | dormí | nosotros | dormimos |
| tú | dormiste | vosotros | dormisteis |
| él, ella, Ud. | durmió | ellos, ellas, Uds. | durmieron |

Others: morir – to die

Special Spellings for reír, sonreír

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| yo | reí | nosotros | reímos |
| tú | reíste | vosotros | reísteis |
| él, ella, Ud. | rió | ellos, ellas, Uds. | rieron |