

The preterit tense (El pretérito)

- The preterit is one of 2 past tenses in Spanish.
- To **conjugate** in the preterit follow these two steps:
 1. _____
 2. _____

(There are no stem changers for – ar/ – er verbs, there are for – ir verbs)

Preterit Endings

- AR	
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- ER/- IR	
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- The preterit is often translated as:
_____ or _____.

Ejemplos: yo bailé – I danced, I did dance
tú vendiste – you sold, you did sell
ella corrió – she ran, she did run
nosotros recibimos – we received, we did receive

- Unfortunately there are **MANY IRREGULAR VERBS** in the preterit tense that will just have to be memorized!

