

Gramática/Apuntes:

Irregular Preterite- STRONG STEMS W/ CHART & -CIR ending verbs
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- The preterit is very irregular.
- You need to memorize the rules & trigger words (you have an abbreviated list).
- The verbs that follow no particular pattern include: ir, ser, dar, ver, hacer

I. Strong stems w/ chart

- The following verbs are called “strong stems” because they have a different stem for the preterit that is used in all forms.
- They all use the same preterit endings. No present tense rules apply such as irregular yo forms or stem-changers.
- There are NO accents.

Andar → Anduv-

Estar → estuv-

*Poder → pud-

Poner → pus-

*Querer → quis-

*Saber → sup -

Tener → tuv-

Traer → traj -

Venir → vin-

Decir → dij-

STRONG STEMS CHART:

e	imos
iste	isteis
o	ieron

dije	dijimos
dijiste	dijisteis
dijo	dijeron**



-there's no "i"

II. --CIR ending verbs (conjugate like "decir")

- They will have a strong stem like decir.
 - Producir (to produce) → produj-
 - Conducir (to drive) → conduj-
 - Traducir (to translate) → traduj-

- They will use the strong stems chart when conjugating
- The 3rd person plural form will be irregular too!

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iste	isteis
o	eron**

III. --Verbs that change meaning in the preterit

infinitive	present & imperfect tense	preterit tense
Poder	to be able to, to "can"	to succeed (completed action)
Saber	to know facts, how to do something	to find out
Querer	to want	to try
No querer	to not want	to refuse
Conocer	to know	to meet (met)