

## The preterite of *-ar* verbs

To form the preterite of **-ar** verbs:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> take the infinitive | <b>2</b> remove the <b>-ar</b> ending | <b>3</b> add the correct ending  |
| bailar <b>to</b> dance       | bailé      I danced                   | bailamos      we danced          |
|                              | bailaste      you danced              | bailasteis      you (pl.) danced |
|                              | bailó      he danced                  | bailaron      they danced        |

**A** Complete the two missing columns of the table to form examples of the preterite.

|           | Infinitive | Stem  | Ending | English                    |
|-----------|------------|-------|--------|----------------------------|
|           | visitar    | visit | é      | <i>I visited</i>           |
| <b>1</b>  | escuchar   |       |        | <i>he listened</i>         |
| <b>2</b>  | descansar  |       |        | <i>we rested</i>           |
| <b>3</b>  | nadar      |       |        | <i>I didn't swim</i>       |
| <b>4</b>  | montar     |       |        | <i>they rode</i>           |
| <b>5</b>  | chatear    |       |        | <i>you (sing.) chatted</i> |
| <b>6</b>  | estudiar   |       |        | <i>I studied</i>           |
| <b>7</b>  | cantar     |       |        | <i>Did you (pl.) sing?</i> |
| <b>8</b>  | pintar     |       |        | <i>she painted</i>         |
| <b>9</b>  | jugar      |       |        | <i>I played</i>            |
| <b>10</b> | sacar      |       |        | <i>I took</i>              |

The 'I' forms of **jugar** (to play) and **sacar** (to take) are irregular.



Jugué al fútbol.



Saqué fotos.

**B** For each answer, write the question, as in the example.

- A: ¿Bailaste mucho? B: Sí, bailé mucho.
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ B: Sí, descansé.
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ B: Sí, visité monumentos.
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ B: No, no monté en bicicleta.
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ B: Escuché música rock.
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ B: Tomé el sol en la playa.

¿qué? *what?*  
¿dónde? *where?*

**C** Translate into 100% accurate Spanish. The number in brackets is the number of words you need to form each sentence.

- I played football with my friends. (6) \_\_\_\_\_
- I didn't ride a bike every day. (7) \_\_\_\_\_
- We sunbathed on the beach. (6) \_\_\_\_\_
- Did you (sing.) visit the beach on holiday? (5) \_\_\_\_\_
- He took photos of the beach. (5) \_\_\_\_\_
- She didn't rest much on holiday. (5) \_\_\_\_\_
- They danced every day in Greece. (6) \_\_\_\_\_

|                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| on holiday - <i>de vacaciones</i> | of - <i>de</i>         |
| every day - <i>todos los días</i> | Greece - <i>Grecia</i> |