

# The Preterite Tense

- Used to talk about specific things that happened in the past.
- Definite beginning and end date to the event or fact.
- Conjugate verbs with the same method you have learned for the present tense.
- We will only learn AR verb endings today and in Ch.11.
  - For those moving on to Spanish 2, we will continue learning the rest next year.
- No AR Verbs in the preterite tense stem change\*\*\*

# The Preterite Tense – Regular AR Verbs

| AR    |         |
|-------|---------|
| -é    | -amos*  |
| -aste | -asteis |
| -ó    | -aron   |

\*\*\*Notice the nosotros form of the preterite tense is the same as the present tense nosotros form.

\*\*\*How would we tell the difference?

# Verbs that end in \*CAR, GAR, ZAR

- AR Verbs in the Preterite that end in CAR, GAR, ZAR have a spelling change when conjugated in the YO FORM ONLY
- CAR → buscar , marcar, tocar → C → QU
- GAR → Llegar, jugar, pagar → G → GU
- ZAR → comenzar, empezar, lanzar → Z → C

# Examples of CAR,GAR,ZAR

| Buscar        |            |
|---------------|------------|
| <b>busqué</b> | buscamos   |
| buscaste      | buscasteis |
| buscó         | buscaron   |

| Llegar        |            |
|---------------|------------|
| <b>llegué</b> | llegamos   |
| llegaste      | llegasteis |
| llegó         | llegaron   |

| Empezar*      |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| <b>empecé</b> | empezamos   |
| empezaste     | empezasteis |
| empezó        | empezaron   |

# The Preterite Tense – Regular ER/IR Verbs

| ER/IR |         |
|-------|---------|
| -í    | -imos*  |
| -iste | -isteis |
| -ió   | -ieron  |

# Irregulars-“Rebels” in Preterite

## Creer- to believe

creí

creímos

creíste

creísteis

creyó

creyeron

## Oír – to hear

oí

oímos

oíste

oísteis

oyó

oyeron

# Irregulars-“Rebels” in Preterite

## Leer- to read

leí

leímos

leíste

leísteis

leyó

leyeron

## Ver – to see

vi

vimos

viste

visteis

vio

vieron

# Spelling Changes for some ER/IR Verbs

- Stems that end in a vowel will have a spelling change → Leer, Caer
- Accent is important, to maintain stress on the end of the word

| Leer – to read |          |
|----------------|----------|
| leí            | leímos   |
| leíste         | leísteis |
| leyó           | leyeron  |

| Caer – to fall (down) |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| caí                   | caímos   |
| caíste                | caísteis |
| cayó                  | cayeron  |



- # Spelling Changes for some ER/IR Verbs
- If the stem ends in a weak vowel (I, U) the 2<sup>nd</sup> person accents are not needed

| Incluir- to include |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| incluí              | incluimos   |
| incluiste           | incluisteis |
| incluyó             | incluyeron  |

| Huir – to flee( run away) |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| hui                       | huimos   |
| huiste                    | huisteis |
| huyó                      | huyeron  |

# Spelling Changes for some ER/IR Verbs

- Other examples

## Contribuir- to contribute

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| contribuí           | contribuimos           |
| contribuiste        | contribuisteis         |
| contribu <b>y</b> ó | contribu <b>y</b> eron |

## Influir – to influence

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| influí           | influimos           |
| influiste        | influisteis         |
| influ <b>y</b> ó | influ <b>y</b> eron |