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Preterite of stem-changing verbs  Tutorial

ANTE TODO

As you learned in **Lección 6**, **-ar** and **-er** stem-changing verbs have no stem change in the preterite. **-ir** stem-changing verbs, however, do have a stem change. Study the following chart and observe where the stem changes occur.

Preterite of **-ir** stem-changing verbs

		servir (to serve)	dormir (to sleep)
SINGULAR FORMS	yo	serví	dormí
	tú	serviste	dormiste
	Ud./él/ella	s irvió	d urmió
PLURAL FORMS	nosotros/as	servimos	dormimos
	vosotros/as	servisteis	dormisteis
	Uds./ellos/ellas	s irvieron	d urmieron

- Stem-changing **-ir** verbs, in the preterite only, have a stem change in the third-person singular and plural forms. The stem change consists of either **e** to **i** or **o** to **u**.

(e → i) pedir: **pidió**, **pidieron**

(o → u) morir (to die): **murió**, **murieron**



CONSULTA

There are a few high-frequency irregular verbs in the preterite. You will learn more about them in **Estructura 9.1**, p. 310.



¡INTÉNTALO!

Cambia cada infinitivo al pretérito.

- Yo serví, dormí, pedí... (servir, dormir, pedir, preferir, repetir, seguir)
- Usted _____ (morir, conseguir, pedir, sentirse, servir, vestirse)
- Tú _____ (conseguir, servir, morir, pedir, dormir, repetir)
- Ellas _____ (repetir, dormir, seguir, preferir, morir, servir)
- Nosotros _____ (seguir, preferir, servir, vestirse, pedir, dormirse)
- Ustedes _____ (sentirse, vestirse, conseguir, pedir, repetir, dormirse)
- Él _____ (dormir, morir, preferir, repetir, seguir, pedir)

recursos

