



## FACT CHEAT SHEET

The good news about the *Pretérito Indefinido* is that its **USES**, generally, are very similar to its equivalent in English: **The Past Simple**.

The not-so-good news is that there are **quite a few irregular verbs** in this tense that you will have to study and memorise!

However, we can organise these into different groups, generate some rules, and make it easier to remember the different spelling changes.

### USES

#### ACTIONS/EVENTS

- 1 happened **specific number** of times
- 2 happened **during a specific length of time**
- 3 **completed at a specific time.**

## GROUP 1 – IRREGULAR VERBS WITH SAME ENDINGS.

### \*\*\*IMPORTANTE\*\*\*

- this group has verbs of **-ar, -ir, & -er**
- this group has **NO ACCENTS** in endings

Although this group of verbs have **different spellings for the stem** (which you will have to memorise individually), we can, in fact, group them together because they **ALL have the same endings.**



there is a **slight** exception for verb stems that end in

j

### El pretérito indefinido - los verbos irregulares -

-e -iste -o -imos -isteis -ieron	<b>Grupo 1</b> - terminaciones iguales -	Estar estuve estuviste estuvo estuvimos estuvisteis estuvieron
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¡sin acentos!

12  
SUPER-COMMON  
IRREGULAR  
VERB  
STEMS

### El pretérito indefinido - los verbos irregulares -

-e -imos -iste -isteis -o -ieron	<b>Las raíces que terminan en j</b>	
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dij

➔

-ieron → -eron

dijeron

traj

➔

trajeron

### El pretérito indefinido - los verbos irregulares -

<b>Verbos con raíces irregulares</b>	
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1. tener → a) tuv	8. traer → h) traj
2. decir → b) dij	9. andar → i) adv
3. hacer → c) *hic	10. venir → j) vin
4. poder → d) pud	11. caber → k) cup
5. poner → e) pus	12. producir → l) produj
6. querer → f) quis	
7. saber → g) sup	

*hacer = hic	➔	hiz	➔	hice
		➔		hiciste
				hizo

3ª persona singular



## GROUP 2 – DIFFERENT SET OF ENDINGS

The next group of irregular verbs have **another set of spellings for the endings**.

Notice how these endings are actually almost identical to **REGULAR -er/-ir** verbs except that they **HAVE NO ACCENTS**.



## GROUP 3 – VERY SPECIAL OFFER!

The third and final group of irregular verbs are quite funny as you get **2 for the price of 1**. Although the verbs in infinitive form are totally different, they **share 100% their ENTIRE preterit form!**



**\*\*\*CAREFUL\*\*\*** Some verbs have a special meaning when used in the **Pretérito Indefinido**...

**INDEFINIDO**

saber  
conocer  
tener  
poder  
querer

supe  
conocí  
tuve  
pudo  
no quiso

I found out that s/he was lying...  
I (first) met María in ...  
S/he got an idea.  
S/he managed to reach it.  
S/he refused to get out with me.



## Vamos a practicar un poquito...

Activity 1 – write the correct form of the verb in the Pretérito Indefinido in each of the gaps.

1. Anoche \_\_\_\_\_ (tener) que estudiar muchísimo para el examen de español.
2. Hace cinco minutos Paula \_\_\_\_\_ (traer) un regalo fantástico para Teacher Dave.
3. La semana pasada Julie y Carmina \_\_\_\_\_ (hacer) una tarta de manzana.
4. El día siguiente todos sus amigos \_\_\_\_\_ (ponerse) malos.
5. La secretaria del médico les \_\_\_\_\_ (hacer) una consulta para el 12 de noviembre.
6. De repente la fantasma \_\_\_\_\_ (querer) darle un beso a Drácula.
7. En ese momento Drácula \_\_\_\_\_ (ponerse) muy enfadado con la fantasma.
8. Rápidamente la pobre fantasma \_\_\_\_\_ (saber) que el Drácula no la quería - ¡qué triste!
9. Mis abuelos me \_\_\_\_\_ (decir) hace muchos años que me comprarían un coche.
10. El otro día mis abuelos me admitieron que \_\_\_\_\_ (ser) una mentira - ay, ay, ay.
11. Tres veces esta semana Gabriel y yo \_\_\_\_\_ (andar) por todo El Camino Montañoso.
12. En noviembre los científicos de Bélgica \_\_\_\_\_ (producir) una vacuna para el Coronavirus.
13. A las 23:59 Cenicienta \_\_\_\_\_ (venir) a casa llorando y cojeando con un pie descalzado.
14. Los cinco payasos grandísimos no \_\_\_\_\_ (caber) en el nuevo Nissan Micra Sport.
15. Durante las vacaciones de verano Federico y Ángela \_\_\_\_\_ (verse) todos los días.
16. En el último día de agosto Ángela le \_\_\_\_\_ (dar) un anillo de plata a Federico.
17. Federico \_\_\_\_\_ (ir) a verla varias veces en su pueblo en 'Aguadulce' y se casaron pronto después.

Activity 2 – write the correct form of the verb in the Pretérito Indefinido in each of the gaps.

WRITE the following English sentences in Spanish.

1. I saw a brilliant movie on Netflix last Thursday night.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. My Friends and I went to a very boring concert on Saturday afternoon.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Hey, man, why did you not come to my party three weeks ago? I won't ask you again!  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. When the Ghost found out that Dracula didn't love her, she didn't tell him anything.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Mary and Joseph were in Connemara for two weeks.  
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