**Cheat Sheet : Preterite Verb Irregularities**

**Y change verbs**: Any verb ending in **–EER, -AER, -UIR, -OIR** change the I to a Y in the él, ella, Ud. And the ellos, ellas, Uds. forms.

For these verbs, if there is an “i” present, it needs an accent. For example:

Oíste influí

Leímos creísteis

\***Note**: if there is more than one “i”, accent the first “i”.

caer (to fall)  
oír (to hear)

For example: Leer

Ella le**Y**ó

Ellos le**Y**eron

construir (to build)

influir (to influence)

incluir (to include)

creer (to believe)

leer (to read)

\*Note: **Traer** does NOT do this because it is **IRREGULAR** (see last list on this page)

**Pirate Verbs**: Spelling change only in the **YO** form in the PRETERITE only.

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| **-GAR** | ***= GUÉ*** | **-CAR** | ***= QUÉ*** | **-ZAR** | ***= CÉ*** |
| jugar | *to play* | buscar | *to look for* | almorzar | *to eat lunch* |
| llegar | *to arrive* | clarificar | *to clarify* | cazar | *to hunt* |
| pagar | *to pay* | clasificar | *to classify* | comenzar | *to begin* |
|  |  | practicar | *to practice* | cruzar | *to cross* |
|  |  | sacar | *to get* | empezar | *to begin, start* |
|  |  | tocar | *to play, touch* | organizar | *to organize* |
|  |  |  |  | tropezarse | *to trip* |

**“Shoe” verbs**: Stem changing in the PRETERITE **only** happens for **–IR verbs** that were also stem changing in the Present Tense. The change is only O to U or E to I and only happens in the **él, ella, Ud**. And the **ellos, ellas, Uds. forms**.

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| **Sentirse** | *To feel* | E ⇒ I |
| **Pedir**  For example:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Dormí | Dormimos | | Dormiste | Dormisteis | | **Durmió** | **Durmieron** | | *To ask for* | E ⇒ I |
| **Servir** | *To serve* | E ⇒ I |
| **Morir** | *To die* | O ⇒ U |
| **Dormir** | *To sleep* | O ⇒ U |
| **Preferir** | *To prefer* | E ⇒ I |
| **Divertirse** | *To have fun* | E ⇒ I |
| **Seguir** | *To follow* | E ⇒ I |
| **Sugerir** | *To suggest* | E ⇒ I |
| **Herir** | *To injure* | E ⇒ I |
| **Despedir** | *To say goodbye* | E ⇒ I |
| **Freír** | *To fry* | E ⇒ I |

\*This is not an complete list there are others, however, these are the verbs that you will be responsible for in Spanish 3.

**Ser/Ir** *(was/went):*  fui, fuiste, fue, fuimos, fuisteis, fueron

**Dar** *(gave):* di, diste, dio, dimos, disteis, dieron

**Ver** *(saw)*: vi, viste, vio, vimos visteis, vieron

**SUPER irregular verbs:**

**Irregular verbs**: These verbs have an irregular root & take these endings (no Accents): E, ISTE, O, IMOS, ISTEIS, IERON

For **“j”** change verbs, eliminate the **“i”** in the ellos, ellas Uds. Form. For example:

Di**je**ron Tra**je**ron

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| **Andar** | *To walk* | ***Anduv…*** |  | **Decir** | *To say, tell* | ***Dij…*** |
| **Estar** | *To be* | ***Estuv…*** |  | **Traer** | *To bring* | ***Traj…*** |
| **Tener** | *To have* | ***Tuv…*** |  | **Poder** | *To be able to* | ***Pud…*** |
| **Hacer\*** | *To do, make* | ***Hic…*** |  | **Poner** | *To put* | ***Pus…*** |
| **Venir** | *To come* | ***Vin…*** |  | **Saber** | *To know* | ***Sup…*** |
| **Querer** | *To want* | ***Quis...*** |  | **Caber** | *To fit* | ***Cup…*** |

\*Hacer is irregular in the él, ella, Ud form = hi**Z**o