

El pretérito: Stem-changing verbs

In the PRETERITE tense there are fewer stem-changing verbs. FIRST, they only stem change if they did so in the present tense and end in -ir. NEXT, there are only two patterns:

- e → i
- o → u

FINALLY, the stem change only takes place in the third person (él, ella, Ud., ellos, ellas, Uds.)

Conjugate the following e → i verbs in the preterite tense according to the subject.

1. yo (vestirse) _____
2. tú (servir) _____
3. Paco (repetir) _____
4. Uds. (*seguir) _____
5. ellas y yo (freír) _____
6. yo (pedir) _____
7. Martha (divertirse) _____
8. Ud. (sentir) _____
9. él (preferir) _____
10. las chicas (sentir) _____

Conjugate the following o → u verbs in the preterite tense according to the subject.

1. las plantas (morir) _____
2. tú (dormir) _____
3. mi gato (morir) _____
4. nosotros (dormir) _____
5. Uds. (morir) _____
6. ellas (dormir) _____
7. Ud. y yo (morir) _____
8. el niño (dormirse) _____
9. la flor (morir) _____
10. yo (dormir) _____