

## El pretérito: Spelling changes

In the PRETERITE, verbs ending in -car/-gar/-zar have spelling changes that take place ONLY in the "yo" form.

sacar (c>qu)

pagar (g>gu)

empezar (z>c)

Conjugate the following -car/-gar/-zar verbs in the preterite tense according to the subject.

1. yo (sacar) \_\_\_\_\_
2. tú (sacar) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Paco (pagar) \_\_\_\_\_
4. yo. (pagar) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Ellas (empezar) \_\_\_\_\_
6. yo (empezar) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Martha y yo (practicar) \_\_\_\_\_
8. yo (practicar) \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, most verbs that end in another vowel before the -er or -ir ending (-yó/-yeron). This change ONLY takes place in the third person (él, ella, Ud., ellos, ellas, Uds.)

Conjugate the following -yó/-yeron verbs in the preterite tense according to the subject.

1. yo (leer) \_\_\_\_\_
2. María (leer) \_\_\_\_\_
3. mi perro (oír) \_\_\_\_\_
4. ellos (oír) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Uds. (caer) \_\_\_\_\_
6. él (caer) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Ud. y yo (construir) \_\_\_\_\_
8. El niño (construir) \_\_\_\_\_