

Prertérito: stem-changing

Stem-changing verbs in the preterite tense

Good news!

-AR & -ER verbs have **NO** stem-change in the preterite.

Remember how the stem-change in the present tense is in the boot/shoe shape? Well...

This stem-change with **-IR** verbs in the preterite tense is only in the sole of the boot/shoe in the **él, ella, Ud.** and **ellos, ellas, Uds.** forms. The stem-change is either from **e→i** OR **o→u**.

¡ojo! **-IR** verbs **do** have a stem-change in the preterite but it is a different kind of stem-change.

Notice:

dormir (o→u)		competir (e→i)	
dormí	dormimos	competí	competimos
dormiste	dormisteis	competiste	competisteis
durmió	durmieron	compitió	compitieron

You know very few **-IR** stem-changing verbs.