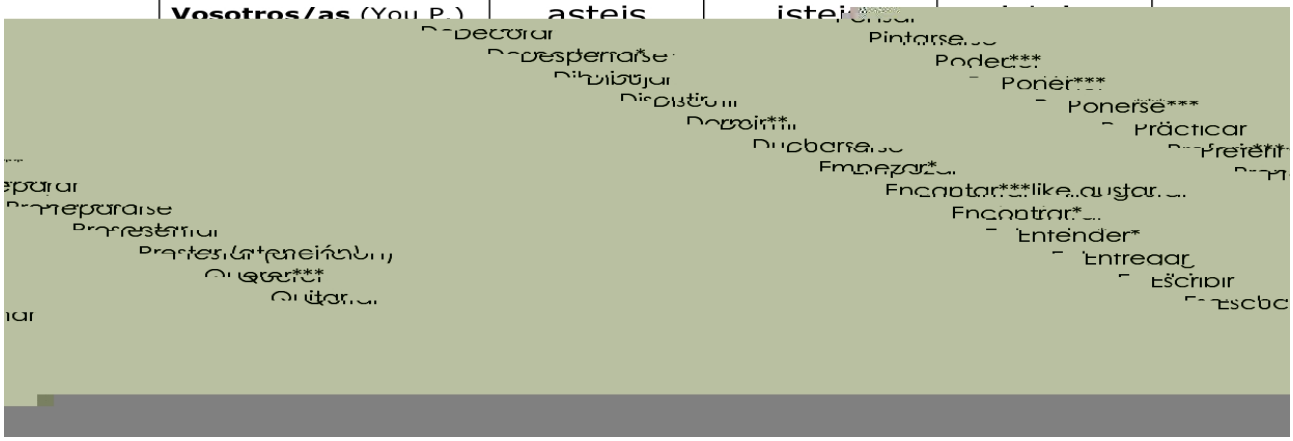
Spanish | The Preterit Tense

The Preterit Tense is the 'simple past tense' in Spanish, it describes a **completed** action or event - e.g. *He **bought** a book.* The formation of regular verbs in the Preterit Tense is also very easy, with only two sets of regular endings to remember.

Regular Verbs

To form the Preterit Tense, simply take the stem off the infinitive and add the following endings - the stem is the verb minus its ending.

- For -AR verbs, take the AR off the end. **Then add the AR endings.**
- For -ER verbs, take the ER off the end. **Then add the ER endings.**
- For -IR verbs, take the IR off the end. **Then add the IR endings.**

(Note; the ER and IR verb endings are the *same*)

Form	AR Verbs	ER Verbs	IR Verbs
Yo (I)	é	í	í
Tú (You S.)	aste	iste	iste
El / Ella (He/She)	ó	ió	ió
Nosotros/as (We)	amos	imos	imos
Vosotros/as (You P.)	asteis	isteis