


# Presentación de GRAMÁTICA

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**Goal:** Learn more irregular preterite stems and endings. Then use them to describe a visit to an ancient site. *Actividades 11–14*

 **¿Recuerdas?** Arts and crafts p. 168

**English Grammar Connection:** Some English verbs completely alter their root forms in the past tense. They do not take the standard past-tense endings of *-d* and *-ed*.

to **bring** He **brought** **traer** Él **trajo**

## More Verbs with Irregular Preterite Stems

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The verbs **venir**, **querer**, **decir**, and **traer** are irregular in the preterite.

**Here's how:** All four verbs have irregular **preterite stems**. **Venir** and **querer** take the same **preterite endings** as **estar**, **poder**, **poner**, **saber**, and **tener**.

Verb	Stem	Irregular Preterite Endings	
<b>venir</b> <i>to come</i>	<b>vin-</b>	<b>-e</b>	<b>-imos</b>
<b>querer</b> <i>to want</i>	<b>quis-</b>	<b>-iste</b>	<b>-isteis</b>
		<b>-o</b>	<b>-ieron</b>

¿Ustedes **vinieron** de la biblioteca?

*Did you come from the library?*

The verb **querer** usually has a different meaning in the preterite. It means *tried*.

**Quisimos** ver las ruinas, pero no pudimos.

*We tried to see the ruins, but we couldn't.*

The **preterite stems** of **decir** and **traer** end in **j**. Use the same irregular **preterite endings** as above, but drop the **i** from the **ustedes/ellos/ellas** ending.

Verb	Stem	ustedes/ellos/ellas
<b>decir</b> <i>to say; to tell</i>	<b>dij-</b>	<b>dijeron</b>
<b>traer</b> <i>to bring</i>	<b>traj-</b>	<b>trajeron</b>

Ellos **trajeron** unas cerámicas de México. *They brought some ceramics from Mexico.*

Marcos me **dijo** que están hechas a mano. *Marcos told me that they're handmade.*

### Más práctica

Cuaderno pp. 177–179

Cuaderno para hispanohablantes pp. 178–181

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