

Preterite Tense: Regular -ER/-IR Verbs

Name: _____ Date: _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Students will conjugate regular -ER and -IR verbs in the preterite tense and distinguish them from -AR endings.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- 12 index cards
- pen or pencil
- colored pencils

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. On 6 index cards, write the 6 preterite -ER/-IR endings (they're the same for both): -i, -iste, -io, -imos, -isteis, -ieron.
2. On the other 6 cards, write the 6 subject pronouns (yo, tu, el/ella/usted, nosotros, vosotros, ellos/ellas).
3. Shuffle both sets and play a matching game: flip a pronoun card and an ending card, and if they match correctly to a verb form you say aloud, keep the pair; if not, flip them back and try again.
4. Using the verb 'comer' (to eat), write all 6 preterite forms on paper, then do the same for 'vivir' (to live), noting that both verb types share the same endings.

QUESTIONS

1. What are the 6 preterite endings shared by regular -ER and -IR verbs?

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2. Conjugate 'comer' (to eat) in the 'tu' and 'ellos' forms of the preterite.

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3. Conjugate 'vivir' (to live) in the 'yo' form of the preterite.

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4. Why do -ER and -IR verbs share the exact same preterite endings, unlike -AR verbs which have their own set?

