

Preterite Irregulars: Detective Case File Story

Name: _____ Date: _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Students will correctly use common irregular preterite verbs (ir, ser, hacer, tener, estar) in context.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- notebook paper
- pen
- index cards (5)
- optional simple props for a mystery story

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. On 5 index cards, write the irregular preterite conjugations for all 6 forms of ir, ser, hacer, tener, and estar as a reference sheet.
2. Write a short detective case file story in Spanish (8-10 sentences) about where a character went, what they did, what they had, and where they were on the night of a mystery, using at least one irregular preterite verb per sentence where possible.
3. Underline every irregular preterite verb you used in your story.
4. Illustrate one scene from your detective story with a simple sketch.
5. Read your story aloud, and have a family member try to identify in English what happened based on your storytelling and any cognates they recognize.

QUESTIONS

1. Conjugate 'ir' for 'yo' in the preterite.
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2. Conjugate 'tener' for 'ella' in the preterite.
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3. What is tricky about 'ir' and 'ser' in the preterite tense?
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4. Write one full sentence from your story using 'hacer' in the preterite, and translate it to English.
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