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Guided Notes: Preterite Tense (4/10/18)

There are two past tenses in Spanish. The *Preterite* is the past tense that is used for actions completed in the past. The other past tense is the *Imperfect*, and is used to give more description regarding past actions in undefined time periods. Much time in 2nd-year Spanish will be devoted to practicing using these two verb tenses. For now, you will focus only on conjugating verbs in the *Preterite*.

Regular Preterite Verb Endings:

<u>-AR Verbs</u>	Singular	Plural
1st Person		
2nd Person		
3rd Person		

<u>-ER/-IR Verbs</u>	Singular	Plural
1st Person		
2nd Person		
3rd Person		

Examples:

Por dos años yo **viví** en Portugal. → For two years I lived in Portugal.
 Ayer tú **caminaste** al parque. → Yesterday you walked to the park.
 Ellos **vinieron** anoche para visitarnos. → They came last night to visit us.
 Mis amigos y yo **salimos** esta mañana a las diez. → My friends and I left this morning at 10:00.

Helpful Vocabulary Used with the Preterite Tense:**una vez****ayer** yesterday**anteayer** day before yesterday**anoche****esta mañana** this morning**el año pasado****el lunes pasado** last Monday**el otro día****entonces****el mes pasado** last month**esta tarde** this afternoon**en ese momento****la semana pasada****hace ____ días** ____ days ago**por ____ años** for ____ years