El Pretérito

- "Simple" past tense – for things that have already happened
  - He *ran,* he *did run.*
- Conjugating el pretérito <u>for regular verbs</u>:
  - Start with infinitive
  - Find verb stem (*remove –ar, -er, -ir)*
  - Add endings for el pretérito:

-AR verb pretérito endings	
-é	**-amos**
-aste	**-asteis**
--ó	**-aron**

-ER AND –IR verb pretérito endings	
-í	**-imos**
-iste	**-isteis**
--ió	**-ieron**

El Pretérito (continued)

- **Most** regular verbs in the present tense are also regular in el pretérito.

- **Dar** and **Ver** use regular pretérito endings, but with no accents.
  - *Di, diste, dio, dimos, disteis, dieron*
  - *Vi, viste, vio, vimos, visteis, vieron*

- Boot verbs are regular in el pretérito – no stem change.

El Pretérito (continued)

- **Some** verbs have a spelling change at end of stem in el pretérito **– for "yo" form only**:
- -car: *c changes to qu*
  - (sacar) saqué
  - Other examples:
- -zar: *z changes to c*
  - (almorzar) almorcé
  - Other examples:
- -gar: *g changes to gu*
  - (jugar) jugué
  - Other examples:

Oír y Leer

Oír

Oí	oímos
Oíste	oísteis
Oyó	oyeron

Leer

Leí	Leímos
Leíste	Leísteis
Leyó	Leyeron