

LECCIÓN 8

LA COMIDA

L8.1

**PRETERITE OF
STEM-CHANGING
VERBS**



L8.1 PRETERITE OF STEM-CHANGING VERBS

ANTE TODO

As you learned in **Lección 6**, **-ar** and **-er** stem-changing verbs have no stem change in the preterite.

-Ir stem-changing verbs, however, do have a stem change. Study the following chart and observe where the stem changes occur.





L8.1 PRETERITE OF STEM-CHANGING VERBS

servir (to serve) **dormir (to sleep)**

singular forms

yo	serv i	dorm i
tú	serviste	dormiste
él/ella/ud.	s irvió	du rm ió

plural forms

nosotros/as	servimos	dormimos
vosotros/as	servisteis	dormisteis
ellos/ellas/uds.	s irvieron	du rmieron

L8.1 PRETERITE OF STEM-CHANGING VERBS



Stem-changing -ir verbs, in the preterite only, have a stem change in the third-person singular and plural forms. The stem change consists of either **e** to **i** or **o** to **u**.

(e→i) pedir: pidió, pidieron

(o→u) morir: murió, murieron

L8.1 PRETERITE OF STEM-CHANGING VERBS



STEM-CHANGING -IR VERBS

competir (e:i) (to compete)

conseguir (e:i) (to get; to obtain)

dormir (o:u) (to sleep)

mentir (e:i) (to lie)

morir (o:u) (to die)

pedir (e:i) (to ask for)

preferir (e:i) (to prefer)

repetir (e:i) (to repeat)

seguir (e:i) (to continue; to follow)

sentirse (e:i) (to feel)

servir (e:i) (to serve)

vestir (e:i) (to wear; to dress)