



ES.G1 Preterite Tense: Regular and High-Frequency Irregular Verbs

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Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

In this pack, accents and the letter n with tilde have been omitted for print compatibility and should be written correctly in students answers. Answer every question. Use the preterite (simple past) as required. No dictionary is needed.

- 1** Conjugate the regular -ar verbs in the preterite for the subject given. Context: a student recounting actions yesterday at school.
- (a) ayer, yo (bailar) en la clase de educacion fisica (1)
- (b) anteayer, tu (mirar) una pelicula en clase (1)
- (c) el viernes, ella (contestar) las preguntas del profesor (1)
- (d) el sabado, nosotros (practicar) un ejercicio nuevo (1)

(Total for Question 1 is 4 marks)

2 Conjugate the regular -er and -ir verbs in the preterite for the subject given. Context: short statements about finished actions last weekend.

(a) el domingo, yo (comer) una paella (1)

(b) ayer por la tarde, tu (beber) agua despues del partido (1)

(c) el lunes, el profesor (decidir) el nuevo horario (1)

(d) anoche, nosotros (vivir) en casa de mis abuelos por una noche (1)

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

3 Complete the three verbs that require a spelling change in the preterite first person singular when in the yo form for verbs ending -car, -gar, -zar. Context: a teenager describing single past events on a trip.

(a) el ano pasado, yo (jugar) al tenis en las vacaciones (1)

(b) ayer, yo (buscar) mi telefono y lo encuentre (1)

(c) la semana pasada, yo (llegar) a casa tarde (1)

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

4 Identify whether the preterite form in each sentence is from *ser* or *ir* based on the context.
Context: two short sentences about a past trip or a past description.

(a) Sentence: 'Ayer fuimos al mercado y compramos fruta.' Did 'fuimos' mean 'were' (1)
(*ser*) or 'went' (*ir*)?

(b) Sentence: 'El concierto fue muy divertido.' Did 'fue' mean 'was' (1)
(*ser*) or 'went' (*ir*)?

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

5 Conjugate the irregular preterite verbs in the sentences. Context: short factual reports of completed actions last week.

(a) El mes pasado, yo (tener) una reunion con mis profesores (1)

(b) Hace dos dias, ella (estar) en la biblioteca todo el dia (1)

(c) El otro dia, nosotros (hacer) un experimento en la clase de ciencias (1)

(Total for Question 5 is 3 marks)

6 Multiple choice: choose the preterite form that correctly completes the sentence about a finished action yesterday. Context: short school and family events.

(a) Anoche, mi madre (A puso B pones C ponía D pondrá) la mesa para la cena. **(1)**

- ☐ A puso
- ☐ B pones
- ☐ C ponía
- ☐ D pondrá

(b) El sábado pasado, yo (A dije B digo C decía D decir) la verdad a mi amigo. **(1)**

- ☐ A dije
- ☐ B digo
- ☐ C decía
- ☐ D decir

(c) Una vez, mi hermano (A pudo B puede C podía D podrá) terminar el libro en un día. **(1)**

- ☐ A pudo
- ☐ B puede
- ☐ C podía
- ☐ D podrá

(d) Ayer, yo (A di B doy C daba D dare) un regalo a mi profesora. **(1)**

- ☐ A di
- ☐ B doy
- ☐ C daba
- ☐ D dare

(Total for Question 6 is 4 marks)

7 Translate each short English sentence into Spanish using the preterite for the single completed action. Context: everyday completed actions last week.

(a) I went to the cinema yesterday. **(1)**

(b) She had lunch at twelve. **(1)**

(c) They put the books on the table. **(1)**

(d) We said the answer to the teacher. **(1)**

(e) He was able to finish the test. **(1)**

(Total for Question 7 is 5 marks)

8 Complete the longer past-tense passage about a school trip. Fill each gap with the correct preterite form of the verb in brackets. Context: a recount of a one-day class trip last month.

(a) Gap 1: (salir) (1)

(b) Gap 2: (bajar) (1)

(c) Gap 3: (ver) (1)

(d) Gap 4: (dar) (1)

(e) Gap 5: (leer) (1)

(f) Gap 6: (volver) (1)

(Total for Question 8 is 6 marks)

9 Identify which verb in the list is irregular in the preterite. Context: a revision check on common verbs.

(a) Which of these verbs is irregular in the preterite: 'hablar, comer, tener, abrir'? (1)

(Total for Question 9 is 1 mark)

10 Conjugate the high-frequency irregular verbs dar, poder, poner and decir in the preterite for the subject given. Context: short news-style statements about single past events.

- (a) Yo (dar) una presentacion en clase ayer (1)
- (b) El entrenador (poder) preparar al equipo para el partido (1)
- (c) Ellos (poner) las decoraciones en el salon (1)
- (d) Nosotros (decir) la verdad al director (1)

(Total for Question 10 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

- (a) **B1** baile (yo baile without accent omitted on paper: baile but accept 'baile' only if marked per instruction; intended correct preterite is baile with accent)
- (a) **Answer: baile**
- (b) **B1** miraste
- (b) **Answer: miraste**
- (c) **B1** contesto (contesto normally has accent, accept 'contesto' as OCR-free form but intended correct preterite is contesto with accent)
- (c) **Answer: contesto**
- (d) **B1** practicamos
- (d) **Answer: practicamos**

Question 2

- (a) **B1** comi
- (a) **Answer: comi**
- (b) **B1** bebiste
- (b) **Answer: bebiste**
- (c) **B1** decidio
- (c) **Answer: decidio**
- (d) **B1** vivimos
- (d) **Answer: vivimos**

Question 3

- (a) **B1** jugue (written without accent on pack: jugue) - accept the correct preterite yo form jugue without accent as typed
- (a) **Answer: jugue**
- (b) **B1** busque
- (b) **Answer: busque**
- (c) **B1** llegue
- (c) **Answer: llegue**

Question 4

- (a) **B1** ir - went
- (a) **Answer: ir - went**
- (b) **B1** ser - was
- (b) **Answer: ser - was**

Question 5

- (a) **B1** tuve
- (a) **Answer: tuve**
- (b) **B1** estuvo
- (b) **Answer: estuvo**
- (c) **B1** hicimos
- (c) **Answer: hicimos**

Question 6

- (a) **B1** A - puso
- (a) **Answer: A puso**
- (b) **B1** A - dije
- (b) **Answer: A dije**
- (c) **B1** A - pudo
- (c) **Answer: A pudo**
- (d) **B1** A - di
- (d) **Answer: A di**

Question 7

- (a) **B1** Fui al cine ayer
- (a) **Answer: Fui al cine ayer**
- (b) **B1** Almorzo a las doce
- (b) **Answer: Almorzo a las doce**
- (c) **B1** Pusieron los libros en la mesa
- (c) **Answer: Pusieron los libros en la mesa**
- (d) **B1** Dijimos la respuesta al profesor
- (d) **Answer: Dijimos la respuesta al profesor**
- (e) **B1** Pudo terminar el examen
- (e) **Answer: Pudo terminar el examen**

Question 8

- (a) **B1** salio
- (a) **Answer: salio**
- (b) **B1** bajaron
- (b) **Answer: bajaron**
- (c) **B1** vieron
- (c) **Answer: vieron**
- (d) **B1** dio
- (d) **Answer: dio**
- (e) **B1** leimos
- (e) **Answer: leimos**
- (f) **B1** volvieron
- (f) **Answer: volvieron**

Question 9

- (a) **B1** tener
- (a) **Answer: tener**

Question 10

- (a) **B1** di
- (a) **Answer: di**
- (b) **B1** pudo
- (b) **Answer: pudo**
- (c) **B1** pusieron
- (c) **Answer: pusieron**
- (d) **B1** dijimos
- (d) **Answer: dijimos**