Preterite: Completed Events — Essentials

Pretérito: hechos terminados

Understand it · Entiéndelo

A finished event · Un hecho terminado

The preterite answers “what happened?” It presents an event as a finished whole, and it is the tense that moves a story forward. If you can say it started, happened and ended, use the preterite.

English	Spanish
Yesterday I spoke with Ana.	Ayer hablé con Ana. é: Ending — changing part
Ana ate here.	Ana comió aquí. ió: Ending — changing part
I went to school.	Fui a la escuela. Fui: Verb — action or state

Notes

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Use it · Úsalo

Build it step by step · Constrúyelo paso a paso

English	Spanish
Today I study.	Hoy estudio.
Yesterday I studied.	Ayer estudié. é: Ending — changing part

Try it · Inténtalo

Say “Yesterday I ate here” and “Ana spoke with me”.

Self-check · Comprueba tu respuesta

Ayer comí aquí. Ana habló conmigo.

Common mistake · Error común

Accent marks distinguish hablo (I speak) from habló (he/she spoke). Do not drop them.

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