



How to Conjugate Imperfect and Preterite Verbs

Imperfecto

Verbs ending in: (Remove the ending and substitute the following to conjugate the verb)

-ar: (cantar) aba (I, yo) ábamos (we, nosotros)
abas (you, tú)
aba (he*, él) aban (they**, ellos)

-er: (comer) ía (I, yo) íamos (we, nosotros)
ías (you, tú)
ía (he*, él) ían (they**, ellos)

-ir: (abrir) ía (I, yo) íamos (we, nosotros)
ías (you, tú)
ía (he*, él) ían (they**, ellos)

Note: * (he, el) includes (he, her, you sir or you ma'am, él, ella, usted).
** (they, ellos) includes (they, ellos, ellas, ustedes).

Preterito

Verbs ending in: (Remove the ending and substitute with the following to conjugate the verb)

-ar: (cantar) é (I, yo) amos (we, nosotros)
Aste (you, tú)
ó (he*, él) aron (they**, ellos)

-er: (comer) í (I, yo) imos (we, nosotros)
iste (you, tú)
ió (he*, él) ieron (they**, ellos)

-ir: (abrir) í (I, yo) imos (we, nosotros)
iste (you, tú)
ió (he*, él) ieron (they**, ellos)

Note: * (he, el) includes (he, her, you sir or you ma'am, él, ella, usted).
** (they, ellos) includes (they, ellos, ellas, ustedes).