

Spanish

Describing events in past and present [2/2]

- IR verbs:

First and second persons, present and preterite tense

- Question words : ¿quién? ¿dónde? ¿por qué? ¿cómo? ¿cuándo?

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La fonética

mundo

[u]

mucho

un

[a; an]

universo

nunca

[never]

lugar

[place]



Present tense

-ir verbs: 1st person singular ('I' form)

To talk about **'I'** with an action **you do now**, remove -ir and add **-o**.

Compart**ir**  Compart**o**

Interrump**ir**  Interrump**o**

Elegir

El**i**go

Salir

Sal**g**o



Present tense

-ir verbs: 2nd person singular ('you' form)

To talk about '**you**' with an action **you do now**, remove -ir and add **-es**.

Compart**ir**  Compart**es**

Interrump**ir**  Interrump**es**

Elegir
Eliges



Preterite tense

-ir verbs: 1st person singular ('I' form)

To talk about 'I' with an action **completed in the past**, remove -er and add **-í**.

Sub**ir**



Sub**í**

Describ**ir**



Describ**í**

Notice the stress on the final -í.

This **past tense** is called the 'preterite'.



Preterite tense

-er verbs: 2nd person singular ('you' form)

To talk about '**you**' with an action **completed in the past**, remove -er and add **-iste**.

Sub**ir**  Sub**iste**

Interrump**ir**  Interrump**iste**



Summary

1. The “I” form of preterite tense IR verbs ends in: **-í**
2. The “I” form of present tense IR verbs ends in: **-o**
3. The “you” form of present tense IR verbs ends in: **-es**
4. “Describiste el texto” means: **“You described the text”.**
5. “I interrupt the dialogue” is: **“Interrumpo el diálogo”.**

