

Preterite	Imperfect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To conjugate regular -ar verbs in the preterite, simply drop the ending (-ar) and add one of the following: • é aste ó amos asteis aron • The preterite is used for actions in the past that are seen as completed. Use of the preterite tense implies that the past action had a definite beginning and definite end. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To conjugate regular -ar verbs in the imperfect, simply drop the ending (-ar) and add one of the following: • aba abas aba ábamos abais aban • The imperfect is used for actions in the past that are not seen as completed. Use of the imperfect tense implies that the past action did not have a definite beginning or a definite end.

The preterite tells us **specifically** when an action took place. The imperfect tells us **in general** when an action took place.