

Preterite

The preterite is used for actions in the past that are seen as completed. Use of the preterite tense implies that the past action has a definite beginning and end.

-AR:
é
aste
ó
amos
asteis
aron

-ER or -IR:
í
iste
ió
imos
isteis
ieron

Imperfect

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 end.

-AR:
aba
abas
aba
ábamos
abais
aban

-ER or -IR:
ía
ías
ía
íamos
íais
ían