

## Preterite

- 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.

## Imperfect

- 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.