**The present tense in Spanish The past (preterite) tense in Spanish**

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| **1st/2nd/3rd person singular** |  | **1st/2nd/3rd person singular** |  |
| comercomocomescome | to eatI eat/am eatingyou eat/are eatinghe/she/it eats/is eating | comícomistecomió | I ateyou atehe/she/it ate |
| jugar juegojuegasjuega | to play (sport)I play/am playingyou play/are playinghe/she/it plays/is playing | juguéjugastejugó  | I playedyou playedhe/she/it played |
| beber bebobebesbebe | to drinkI drink/am drinkingyou drink/are drinkinghe/she/it drinks/is drinking | bebíbebistebebió | I drankyou drankhe/she/it drank |
| nadarnadonadasnada | to swimI swim/am swimmingyou swim/are swimminghe/she/it swims/is swimming | nadénadastenadó | I swamyou swamhe/she/it swam |
| tocartocotocastoca | to play (instrument)I play/am playingyou play/are playinghe/she/it plays/is playing | toquétocastetocó | I playedyou playedhe/she/it played |
| irvoyvasva | to goI go/am goingyou go/are goinghe/she/it goes/is going | fuifuistefue | I wentyou wenthe/she/it went |
| hacerhagohaceshace | to do/makeI do/am doingyou do/are doinghe/she/it does/is doing | hicehicistehizo | I didyou didhe/she/it did |

**Examples:** ¿Qué haces? Juego al fútbol. (What are you doing? I am playing football.) ¿Cómo vas al colegio? Voy a pie. (How do you go to school? I walk/go on foot.)

 ¿Qué hiciste ayer? Jugué al fútbol. (What did you do yesterday? I played football.) ¿Cómo fuiste al colegio? Fui a pie. (How did you go to school? I walked/went on foot.)