

PRETERITE TENSE OF THE VERBS IR and SER

The preterite tense is used for completed actions in the past.

The conjugation of both the verbs IR and SER are the same in the preterite tense.

The preterite form of the verb IR (to go)

Yo fui (I went)	Nosotros fuimos (We went)
Tú fuiste (You went)	
Él (He went)	Ellos (They went)
Ella fue (She went)	Ellas fueron (They went)
Usted (You went) polite form	Ustedes (You all went)

EXAMPLES:

I went to Mexico last week. Yo fui a México la semana pasada.

Felipe went to the movies last night. Felipe fue al cine anoche.

Ana and Pilar went to the beach yesterday. Ana y Pilar fueron a la playa ayer.

Did you go to school the day before yesterday? ¿Tú fuiste a la escuela anteayer?

The preterite form of the verb SER (to be)

Yo fui (I was)	Nosotros fuimos (We were)
Tú fuiste (You were)	
Él (He was)	Ellos (They were)
Ella fue (She was)	Ellas fueron (They were)
Usted (You were) polite form	Ustedes (You all were)

EXAMPLES:

Manuel was a painter. Manuel fue un pintor.

The test was easy. El examen fue fácil.

The shelves were dirty. Las estantes fueron sucios.