

Los Usos del Pretérito

Until now you have learned to talk about things happening in the present. To talk about actions or events that started and were completed in the past and happened only once, we use the preterite.

Some key words to look for are:

ayer	yesterday
anoche	last night
el mes pasado	last month
el año pasado	last year

ejemplos:

Ayer tú estudiaste para el examen de español. – Yesterday you studied for your Spanish test.

Anoche nosotros bebimos mucha agua en la cena. – Last night we drank a lot of water at dinner.

Ellos corrieron mucho en la clase de educación física la semana pasada. – They ran a lot in gym class last week.