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| | | <i>io/tu</i> | |
| Verbs in <i>-dere</i> | <i>perdere</i> | <i>persi/perdesti</i> | to lose |
| | <i>coincidere</i> | <i>coincisi/coincidesti</i> | to coincide |
| | <i>condividere</i> | <i>condivisi/condividesti</i> | to share |
| | <i>dividere</i> | <i>divisi/dividesti</i> | to divide |
| | <i>esplodere</i> | <i>esplosi/esplodesti</i> | to explode |
| | <i>evadere</i> | <i>evasi/evadesti</i> | to evade |
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| | <i>arrendere</i> | <i>arresi/arrendesti</i> | to surrender |
| | <i>accendere</i> | <i>accesi/ accendesti</i> | to turn on |
| | <i>dipendere</i> | <i>dipesi/ dipendesti</i> | to depend on |
| | <i>discendere</i> | <i>discesi/ discendesti</i> | to descend |
| | <i>offendere</i> | <i>offesi/ offendesti</i> | to offend |
| | <i>pretendere</i> | <i>pretesi/ pretendesti</i> | to pretend |
| | <i>scendere</i> | <i>scesi/ scendesti</i> | to go down |
| | <i>spendere</i> | <i>spesi/ spendesti</i> | to spend |



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| | <i>intromettere</i> | <i>intromisi/ intromettesti</i> | to pry |
| | <i>permettere</i> | <i>permisi/ permettesti</i> | to allow |
| | <i>premettere</i> | <i>premi/ premettesti</i> | to introduce |
| | <i>promettere</i> | <i>promisi/ promettesti</i> | to promise |
| Verbs in <i>-ngere</i> | <i>piangere</i> | <i>piansi/piangesti</i> | to cry |
| | <i> fingere</i> | <i>finsi/fingesti</i> | to pretend |
| | <i>giungere</i> | <i>giunsi/ giungesti</i> | to arrive |
| | <i>raggiungere</i> | <i>raggiunsi/ raggiungesti</i> | to reach |
| | <i>spegnere</i> | <i>spensi/ spegnesti</i> | to turn off |
| Verbs that follow <i>dire</i> | <i>dire</i> | <i>dissi/dicesti</i> | to say |
| | <i>benedire</i> | <i>benedissi/ benedicesti</i> | to bless |
| | <i>disdire</i> | <i>disdissi/ disdicesti</i> | to cancel |
| | <i>maledire</i> | <i>maledissi/ maledicesti</i> | to curse |
| | <i>predire</i> | <i>predissi/ predicesti</i> | to predict |

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Some commonly used irregular verbs in passato remoto

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| Some common irregular verbs in -ARE have irregular <i>passato remoto</i> | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Infinitive | Passato remoto 1st and 2nd person singular | Example | English |
| <i>dare</i> [to give] | <i>diedi/detti</i> | <i>Mi diede un passaggio.</i> | She gave me a ride. |
| <i>fare</i> [to do/to make] | <i>feci/facesti</i> | <i>Feci un dolce.</i> | I made a cake. |
| <i>stare</i> [to stay/to remain] | <i>stetti/stesti</i> | <i>Stettero a casa.</i> | They stayed home. |

Dare [to give]

| | Dare |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| <i>io</i> | <i>diedi/detti*</i> [I gave] |
| <i>tu</i> | <i>desti</i> |
| <i>lui/lei</i> | <i>diede/dette*</i> |
| <i>noi</i> | <i>demmo</i> |
| <i>voi</i> | <i>deste</i> |
| <i>loro</i> | <i>diedero/dettero*</i> |

Fare [to do/make]

| | Fare |
|----------------|---------------------|
| <i>io</i> | <i>feci</i> [I did] |
| <i>tu</i> | <i>facesti</i> |
| <i>lui/lei</i> | <i>fece</i> |
| <i>noi</i> | <i>facemmo</i> |
| <i>voi</i> | <i>faceste</i> |
| <i>loro</i> | <i>fecero</i> |

* You can find/hear both, but *diedi* is more common

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| Many commonly used verbs ending in -ere have irregular passato remoto | | | |
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| Infinitive | Passato remoto 1st and 2nd person singular | Example | English |
| <i>bere</i> [to drink] | <i>bevvi/bevesti</i> | <i>Beveste molta acqua.</i> | You drank a lot of water. |
| <i>difendere</i> [to defend] | <i>difesi/difendesti</i> | <i>Difese la sua idea.</i> | He defended his idea. |
| <i>dividere</i> [to divide] | <i>divisi/dividesti</i> | <i>Divideste la torta.</i> | You divided the cake. |
| <i>esprimere</i> [to express] | <i>espressi/esprimesti</i> | <i>Esprese la sua opinione.</i> | She expressed her opinion. |
| <i> fingere</i> [to pretend] | <i>finsi/fingesti</i> | <i>Finsero di partire.</i> | They pretended to leave. |
| <i>leggere</i> [to read] | <i>lessi/leggesti</i> | <i>Leggemo un bel libro.</i> | We read a good book. |
| <i>mettere</i> [to put] | <i>misi/mettesti</i> | <i>Misi la borsa sul tavolo.</i> | I put the purse on the table. |
| <i>nascere</i> [to be born] | <i>nacqui/nascesti</i> | <i>Nacqui nel 1950.</i> | I was born in 1950. |
| <i>offendere</i> [to offend] | <i>offesi/offendesti</i> | <i>Mi offese.</i> | He offended me. |
| <i>piangere</i> [to cry] | <i>piansi/piangesti</i> | <i>Piansero di gioia.</i> | They cried with happiness. |
| <i>prendere</i> [to take] | <i>presi/prendesti</i> | <i>Prese l'aereo.</i> | She took the plane. |
| <i>perdere</i> [to lose/to miss] | <i>persi/perdesti</i> | <i>Perdemmo il volo.</i> | We missed the flight. |
| <i>ridere</i> [to laugh] | <i>risi/ridesti</i> | <i>Risero di cuore.</i> | They laughed heartily. |
| <i>scegliere</i> [to choose] | <i>scelsi/scegliesti</i> | <i>Sceglieste bene.</i> | You chose well. |
| <i>scendere</i> [to go down] | <i>scesi/scendesti</i> | <i>Scese con l'ascensore.</i> | He went down in the elevator. |
| <i>scrivere</i> [to write] | <i>scrissi/scrivesti</i> | <i>Collodi scrisse Pinocchio.</i> | Collodi wrote "Pinocchio". |
| <i>spegnere</i> [to turn off] | <i>spensi/spegnesti</i> | <i>Spense la luce.</i> | She turned off the light. |
| <i>spingere</i> [to push] | <i>spinsi/spingesti</i> | <i>Spingeste la porta.</i> | You pushed the door. |
| <i>togliere</i> [to take off] | <i>tolsi/togliesti</i> | <i>Tolse la giacca.</i> | He took off his jacket. |
| <i>vedere</i> [to see] | <i>vidi/vedesti</i> | <i>Vide un bel film.</i> | I saw a good film. |



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| Verbs like produrre [to produce] follow this conjugation | | | |
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| Infinitive | Passato remoto 1st and 2nd person singular | Example | English |
| <i>produrre</i> | <i>produssi/producesti</i> | <i>Produce tanto calore.</i> | He produced a lot of heat. |
| <i>condurre</i> [to lead] | <i>condussi/conducesti</i> | <i>Cesare condusse i Romani alla vittoria.</i> | Caesar led Romans to victory. |
| <i>dedurre</i> [to deduce/to infer] | <i>dedussi/deducesti</i> | <i>Deducemmo la verità.</i> | We inferred the truth. |
| <i>porre</i> [to place/to set/to imagine] | <i>posi/ponesti</i> | <i>Pose il vaso sul tavolo.</i> | She put the vase on the table. |
| <i>ridurre</i> [to reduce] | <i>ridussi/riducesti</i> | <i>Ridusse le spese.</i> | He reduced expenses. |
| <i>tradurre</i> [to translate] | <i>tradussi/traducesti</i> | <i>Tradussero la versione latina.</i> | They translated the Latin version. |
| <i>trarre</i> [to pull/to drag] | <i>trassi/traesti</i> | <i>L'uomo trasse in salvo il cane.</i> | The man saved the dog. |





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| Some common verbs ending in <i>-ire</i> with irregular <i>passato remoto</i> | | | |
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| Infinitive | Passato remoto 1st and 2nd person singular | Example | English |
| <i>aprire</i> [to open] | <i>aprii/apristi</i> | <i>Aprimmo la porta.</i> | We opened the door. |
| <i>dire*</i> [to say/to tell] | <i>dissi/dicesti</i> | <i>Disse la verità.</i> | He told the truth. |
| <i>morire</i> [to die] | <i>morii/moristi</i> | <i>Morì nel 1867.</i> | S/he died in 1867. |
| <i>uscire</i> [to go out] | <i>uscii/uscisti</i> | <i>Uscimmo con gli amici.</i> | They went out with friends. |
| <i>venire**</i> [to come] | <i>venni/venisti</i> | <i>Vennero in treno.</i> | They came by train. |

Dire [to say]

| | Dare |
|----------------|----------------|
| <i>io</i> | <i>dissi</i> |
| <i>tu</i> | <i>dicesti</i> |
| <i>lui/lei</i> | <i>disse</i> |
| <i>noi</i> | <i>dicemmo</i> |
| <i>voi</i> | <i>diceste</i> |
| <i>loro</i> | <i>dissero</i> |

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