

This activity will help you **learn Spanish preterite** verbs by filling in missing preterite verbs from the chorus and key verses of “Qué Hiciste.” You will practice conjugating regular and irregular verbs in the preterite and notice how subject and context determine the correct form. The instructions and directions are in English; the lyrics and blanks are in Spanish.

Directions

Fill in each blank with the correct preterite form of the verb listed in the word bank. Conjugate for the subject implied by the line (yo, tú, nosotros, ellos, etc.). Some verbs are irregular—pay attention to stem changes and irregular endings. This exercise will help you **learn Spanish preterite** by using authentic song lyrics.

Cloze activity: “Qué Hiciste”

Ayer los dos soñábamos con un mundo perfecto

Ayer a nuestros labios les sobraban las palabras

Porque en los ojos nos espiábamos el alma

Y la verdad no vacilaba en tu mirada

Ayer nos _____ conquistar el mundo entero

Ayer tú me _____ que este amor sería eterno

¿Qué _____? Hoy _____ con tu orgullo la esperanza

Hoy _____ con tu furia mi mirada

_____ toda nuestra historia con tu rabia

Y _____ tanto amor que te entregaba

¿Qué _____? Nos _____ a destruir las madrugadas

Y nuestras noches las _____ tus palabras

Mis ilusiones _____ con tus falsas

Se te olvidó que era el amor lo que importaba

Y con tus manos _____ nuestra casa

Word bank (infinitives)

- prometer
- jurar
- hacer
- destruir
- empañar
- borrar
- confundir
- obligar
- ahogar
- acabar
- derrumbar

Answer key

Below is the completed text with the correct preterite forms. Use this to check your answers after you finish the exercise and to learn patterns of conjugation.

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¿Qué **hiciste**? Hoy **destruiste** con tu orgullo la esperanza

Hoy **empañaste** con tu furia mi mirada

Borraste toda nuestra historia con tu rabia

Y **confundiste** tanto amor que te entregaba

¿Qué **hiciste**? Nos **obligaste** a destruir las madrugadas

Y nuestras noches las **ahogaron** tus palabras

Mis ilusiones **acabaron** con tus falsas

Se te olvidó que era el amor lo que importaba

Y con tus manos **derrumbaste** nuestra casa

Quick tips to keep improving

- **Identify subjects** in each sentence to pick the right ending (yo, tú, él/ella, nosotros, ellos).
- **Memorize irregular stems** such as hacer → hic-, and practicar irregular endings for U, I, J groups.
- **Practice with songs** to see natural usage and common verbs in past storytelling; this helps you **learn Spanish preterite** verbs in context. It is also a way to experience authentic target language culture—key to being able to REALLY communicate with Spanish speaking people.

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