Name _____ Date _____

Spanish Preterite Tense: Regular -ar Verbs

Directions: Answer each question. The preterite tells what someone did at a certain time in the past. Regular -ar verbs take these endings: *-é*, *-aste*, *-ó*, *-amos*, *-aron*. For example, here is what people did yesterday (*ayer*) with *llamar* (to call): *llamé, llamaste, llamó, llamamos, llamaron*.

1. Match each subject to the preterite form of *hablar* (to speak) that tells what people did yesterday (*ayer*).

Write the letter of the matching answer on each line.

1. _____ yo
2. _____ tú
3. _____ él, ella, usted
4. _____ nosotros, nosotras
5. _____ ellos, ellas, ustedes

A. hablamos
B. hablaste
C. hablaron
D. hablé
E. hablo
F. hablan
G. habló

2. Which preterite form of *cocinar* (to cook) goes with *yo*?

Anoche yo __ arroz con pollo.

A. cociní B. cociné C. cocino D. cocinó

3. You use *usted* with your neighbor, Señora Ruiz. Which preterite form of *mirar* (to watch) completes your question about last night?

Señora Ruiz, ¿usted __ el partido anoche?

A. miraron B. miro C. miró D. miraste

4. Your friend Carla uses *tú* with you. Write the preterite form of *estudiar* (to study) that completes her question.

Carla: ¿_____ para el examen anoche?

5. Choose the preterite form of *caminar* (to walk) that goes with *mi familia y yo* (we).

Word bank

caminamos • caminaron • caminó • caminé

El sábado pasado, mi familia y yo _____ por el parque.

6. Your teacher uses *ustedes* to ask you and your classmates about a party. Which preterite form of *bailar* (to dance) completes her question?

¿Ustedes __ en la fiesta el sábado pasado?

A. bailaron B. bailó C. bailan D. bailamos

7. Which sentence means "Yesterday my dad worked at home"?

A. Ayer mi papá trabajo en casa.
B. Ayer mi papá trabajaron en casa.
C. Ayer mi papá trabajó en casa.
D. Ayer mi papá trabajé en casa.

8. Choose the preterite forms of *comprar* (to buy) that go with *yo* and with *mi mamá* (she).

Word bank
compro • compré • compre • compró

Ayer yo _____ un cuaderno, y mi mamá _____ unos lápices.

9. *Nadamos* (we swim, we swam) is the same in the present and the preterite. Which time word makes this sentence tell about the past?

__, mis amigos y yo nadamos en el lago.

A. Dentro de una hora
B. El verano pasado
C. Mañana
D. Normalmente

10. Pablo tells about last weekend. Choose the preterite forms of *visitar* with *yo*, *preparar* with *mi abuela* (she) and *cantar* with *todos nosotros* (we), in that order.

Word bank
cantaron • visitó • preparé • visité • cantamos • preparó

El fin de semana pasado, yo _____ a mis abuelos. Mi abuela _____ una cena deliciosa, y después todos nosotros _____ juntos.