FRENCH TABLE
Passé Simple

Irregular Verbs in *Passé Simple*

Infinitive	Stem	Verb conjugated with *je* and *il*	English
Stem with the vowel *u*			
être	*fu-*	*je fus - il fut*	to be
avoir	*eu-*	*j'eus - il eut*	to have
pouvoir	*pu-*	*je pus - il put*	to be able to
devoir	*du-*	*je dus - il dut*	to have to
croire	*cru-*	*je crus - il crut*	to believe
savoir	*su-*	*je sus - il sut*	to know
vouloir	*voulu-*	*je voulus - il voulut*	to want
vivre	*vécu-*	*je vécus - il vécut*	to live
mourir	*mouru-*	*je mourus - il mourut*	to die
Stem with the vowel *i*			
faire	*fi-*	*je fis - il fit*	to do
prendre	*pri-*	*je pris - il prit*	to take
mettre	*mi-*	*je mis - il mit*	to put
dire	*di-*	*je dis - il dit*	to say
voir	*vi-*	*je vis - il vit*	to see
Stem with *in-*			
venir	*vin-*	*je vins - il vint*	to come
tenir	*tin-*	*je tins - il tint*	to hold

Did you notice that sometimes the stem for the *passé simple* comes from the past participle?
For example, *croire* ➜ *j'ai cru* and *cru* happens to be the stem for the *passé simple*.

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