**PAST PARTICIPLES**

A past participle is regularly formed as follows:

***Infinitive Drop Add To the Stem You Get***

trabajar -ar -ado trabaj- trabajado

comer -er -ido com- comido

recibir -ir -ido recib- recibido

**COMMON IRREGULAR PAST PARTICIPLES**

abrir **abierto** opened leer **leído** read

caer **caído** fallen morir **muerto** dead

creer **creído** believed oír **oído** heard

cubrir **cubierto** covered poner **puesto** put/placed

decir **dicho** said/told reír **reído** laughed

descubrir **descubierto** discovered resolver **resuelto** resolved/solved

devolver **devuelto** returned romper **roto** broken

escribir **escrito** written traer **traído** brought

hacer **hecho** done/made ver **visto** seen

ir **ido** gone volver **vuelto** returned

**USES OF THE PAST PARTICIPLE**

**To form the compound tenses:** As in English, the past participle is needed to form the compound tenses in Spanish, of which there are seven.

**Name of Tense Example English Equivalent**

present perfect indicative he hablado I have spoken

pluperfect indicative había hablado I had spoken

preterit perfect indicative hube hablado I had spoken

future perfect indicative habré hablado I will have spoken

conditonal perfect indicative habría hablado I would have spoken

present perfect subjunctive haya hablado I may have spoken

pluperfect subjunctive hubiera hablado I might have spoken

**To form the perfect infinitive:** *haber hablado* to have spoken

**To form the perfect participle:** *habiendo hablado* having spoken

**To serve as an adjective, which must agree in gender and number with the noun in modifies:**

*El señor Molina es muy respetado de todos los alumnos.*   
Mr. Molina is very respected by all the students.

*La señora González es muy conocida.*

Mrs. González is very well known.

**To express the result of an action with *estar*:**

*La puerta está abierta.* The door is open.

*Las cartas están escritas.* The letters are written.

**To express the passive voice with *ser*:**

*La ventana fue abierta por el ladrón.* The window was opened by the robber.