

Simple Past Tense Regular Verbs

- ed Pronunciation

/t/	/d/	/id/
stop = stopped	learn = learned	decide = decided
look = looked	listen = listened	want = wanted
wash = washed	play = played	start = started
watch = watched	enjoy = enjoyed	wait = waited
like = liked	live = lived	visit = visited
walk = walked	stay = stayed	invite = invited
help = helped	open = opened	
work = worked	love = loved	
miss = missed	call = called	
relax = relaxed	smile = smiled	
	clean = cleaned	
	arrive = arrived	
	change = changed	

- We pronounce / t / after voiceless sounds: / p / , / k / , / s / , / f / and voiceless / th / sound
- We pronounce / d / after voiced sounds: / b / , / g / , / v / , / z / , / m / , / n / , / l / , / r / , voiced / th / sound and all vowels.
- We pronounce / id / after / d / and / t / sounds.

Regular Past Tense Verb Pronunciation Practice

Read the following dialogue.

Write the phonetic symbol representing the sound of the *ed-ending* above each past tense verb.

Check your answers.

Practice the dialogue aloud with a partner. Be sure to carefully pronounce all past tense endings!

Kathy: Tom, have you started your diet? I hope you haven't gained weight.

Tom: I boiled eggs and sliced celery for lunch.

Kathy: Have you exercised at all?

Tom: I walked 5 miles and jogged in the park.

Kathy: Have you cleaned the house? Calories can be worked off that way.

Tom: I washed and waxed the floors. I even painted the bathroom.

Kathy: Who baked this apple pie? Who cooked this ham?

Tom: When I finished cleaning, I was starved. I prepared this food for dinner.

Kathy: Oh, no! I'll take this food home so you won't be tempted .

I really enjoyed being with you. Your diet is great!

Tom: What happened? Somehow, I missed out on all the fun.

(Dialogue taken from English Pronunciation Made Simple, Longman)