

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	
change = changed	learn = learned	
miss = missed	call = called	
relax = relaxed	arrive = arrived	
	smile = smiled	
	clean = cleaned	

- 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)