

## Pronunciation- Past Tense Regulars and adjectives. and Joe's Donkey

Age group: Young adults-adults

Time: 40 Mins

Level: Basic students practising past tense.

Materials: Worksheet, whiteboard

Main Focus: Pronunciation of past tense (ed) words, and adjectives ending in 'ed'

Sub Skill: Reading, new vocab

1. Write the three words below on the board. Ask students to pronounce them for you. You'll probably find that most basic students don't say the 'ed' correctly.

To make it simple, write the sounds underneath.

visited <u>ed</u>	worked <u>ed</u>	stayed <u>ed</u>
(id)	(t)	(d)

To make it simple, the pronunciation is dictated by the letter preceding the 'ed'. See explanation worksheet.

2. When students have got the idea, give out the explanation sheet below. Read through it and answer any questions they might have.
3. Exercise 1. Read out the words and have students decide if they are (id) (d) or (t) 1. t 2. id 3. t 4. id 5. t 6. d 7. d 8. d 9. d 10. id 11. d 12. t

4. Story. You might have to pre-teach a lot of vocabulary here. Have students read the story out loud to practise their pronunciation. You can ask them to identify *id*, *t*, or *d* with each of the verbs or adjectives.

### Notes

I feel that phonetic symbols can confuse lower level students (they can confuse me), so I usually don't use them in a lesson like this.

After students have learned the basic rules, they will start to 'feel' which ending is right.

## Pronunciation- Past Tense regulars and Adjectives.

id	t	d
visited started studied	worked passed finished pushed dropped	closed rubbed banged called charmed planned tired loved played
last letter t, or d	last letters k/ss/sh/p/f/c	last letters s/b/g/l/m/n/r /v/w/y/z/j

### Exercise 1.

Write *id*, *t* or *d* next to these words.

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|------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| 1. talked  | ..... | 7. opened   | ..... |
| 2. waited  | ..... | 8. closed   | ..... |
| 3. liked   | ..... | 9. played   | ..... |
| 4. visited | ..... | 10. excited | ..... |
| 5. pushed  | ..... | 11. bored   | ..... |
| 6. lived   | ..... | 12. walked  | ..... |

## Joe's Donkey

Every Saturday Joe worked in his garden. He pulled out the weeds and cleaned up the leaves. He was always very tired. He put his donkey at the back of the garden, under a big tree.

A friend came to see him. The friend asked if he could borrow his donkey. "Can I borrow your donkey?" He said. "Oh, I'm sorry," Said Joe, "My donkey is not here."

Suddenly from the back of the garden, Joe's donkey brayed loudly.

The friend looked angry.

"You lied to me Joe, I can hear your animal."

"Who do you believe?" said Joe, "me or my donkey?"

