

Activity Type

Reading, writing and pronunciation activity, pairwork

Language Focus

Past tense regular verbs
-ed pronunciation

Aim

To practice the -ed sounds of past tense regular verbs.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Elementary

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this entertaining worksheet activity, students practice the -ed sounds of past tense regular verbs.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Ask the students to complete the conversation with the regular verbs from the box. Tell the students to write the verbs in the past tense.

When the students have finished, go through the answers with the class.

Answer key

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| 1. played | 9. cooked |
| 2. seemed | 10. wrapped |
| 3. needed | 11. visited |
| 4. called | 12. returned |
| 5. looked | 13. missed |
| 6. stayed | 14. wanted |
| 7. washed | 15. decided |
| 8. watched | 16. waited |

Next, split the class into pairs and have them read the conversation together.

After that, explain the rules associated with -ed sounds of past tense regular verbs.

Students then follow the rules in the table and put the past tense regular verbs from the conversation into the correct column.

Answer key

/ d / all other sounds	/ t / unvoiced: p, k, s, f, th, ch, sh	/ id / d and t sounds.
played seemed called stayed returned	looked washed watched cooked wrapped missed	needed visited wanted decided waited

Finally, have the pairs read the conversation again using the correct pronunciation of the -ed sounds.

1. Complete the conversation below with the regular verbs from the box in the past tense. Then, read the conversation with a partner.

wait	stay	cook	need	want	return	visit	look
call	wash	miss	decide	watch	play	wrap	seem

A: What did you do last night?
 B: I (1) _____ tennis with Ralph.
 A: Oh, How is Ralph?
 B: He (2) _____ happy. He (3) _____ some exercise so he (4) _____ me for a game of tennis.
 A: That's great. The last time I saw Ralph, he (5) _____ overweight.
 B: Well, he's getting into shape now. So, what did you do last night?
 A: Nothing much. I (6) _____ home all evening.
 B: Did you do anything at home?
 A: Let me see. I (7) _____ my clothes.
 B: Sounds exciting.
 A: I (8) _____ TV.
 B: Amazing.
 A: I (9) _____ a steak.
 B: Wow.
 A: And I (10) _____ my girlfriend's birthday present.
 B: When is her birthday?
 A: It's today. I (11) _____ her this morning. She (12) _____ from Dubai last night.
 B: How long did she go there for?
 A: She went there for three weeks. I (13) _____ her so much while she was away.
 B: Did you do anything nice?
 A: She (14) _____ to go out for lunch. So, I took her to an expensive restaurant. It was very nice.
 B: That's great.
 A: We ate so much food. Then, we (15) _____ to go to the cinema. The cinema was busy. We (16) _____ for a long time to get the tickets, but the movie was really good.

2. Past tense regular verb -ed endings can be pronounced in three ways: / d / / t / / id /. Follow the rules and put the past tense regular verbs from the conversation into the correct column.

/ d / all other sounds	/ t / unvoiced: p, k, s, f, th, ch, sh	/ id / d and t sounds.

3. Now, read the conversation again using the correct pronunciation of the -ed sounds.