

Connected speech

Hearing Past Simple forms

T7.5 *-ed* at the end of regular Past Simple forms is pronounced in three different ways. Listen.

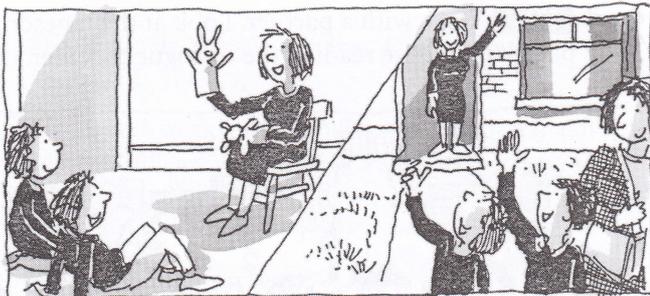
/t/	/d/	/ɪd/
liked	loved	hated
worked	lived	intended
finished	opened	started
stopped	arrived	ended

- 1 Practise saying the verbs in the three groups above.
- 2 Complete the rule.

The *-ed* ending is pronounced /ɪd/ if the infinitive of the verb ends with the sound / / or / /.

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- 3 **T7.6** In a sentence the *-ed* form is sometimes difficult to hear. Listen to the five pairs of sentences below. Can you hear the difference between a (Present Simple) and b (Past Simple)?



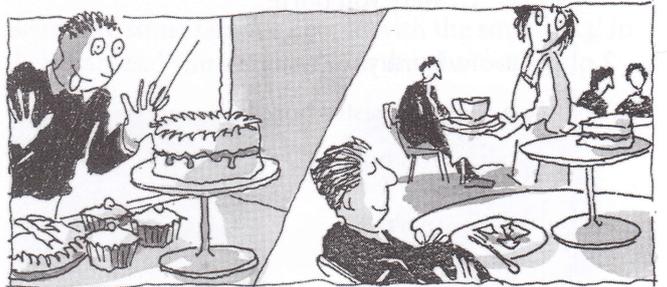
- 1 a We like her.
b We liked her.



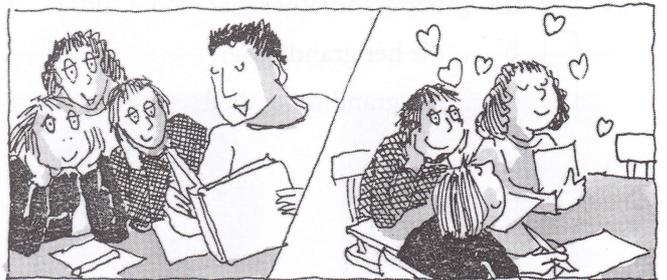
- 2 a I love him.
b I loved him.



- 3 a They hate it.
b They hated it.



- 4 a I want that.
b I wanted that.



- 5 a They enjoy their English lessons.
b They enjoyed their English lessons.

Listen again and practise saying the pairs of sentences.

- 4 **T7.7** Listen to the sentences and circle the verb you hear, Present Simple or Past Simple.

- 1 We arrive/arrived on Monday morning.
- 2 It opens/opened at nine o'clock.
- 3 I finish/finished work on Friday afternoon at six o'clock.
- 4 They close/closed on Monday.
- 5 They start/started at eight o'clock.
- 6 The trains stop/stopped at midnight.

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- 5 **T7.8** Close your book. Listen and practise saying each sentence in the Past Simple. Pay attention to the pronunciation of the *-ed* ending.

Word focus

Past Simple forms that are difficult to pronounce

1 Look at the verbs below. Check the meaning of new words in your dictionary or with your teacher. Write in the past form.

- 1 read read 6 hear _____
- 2 learn _____ 7 buy _____
- 3 run _____ 8 say _____
- 4 fall _____ 9 teach _____
- 5 see _____ 10 think _____

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2 Can you pronounce the past forms?

You can find the pronunciation in your dictionary.

1 **read** /ri:d/ verb (reads, reading, read (red), has read)
 1 look at words and understand them: *Have you read this book? It's very interesting.*

Look at the phonemic transcription of *read*. Can you pronounce it?

3 Can you pronounce the past forms below?

2 **learn** /lɜ:n/ verb (learns, learning, learnt (lɜ:nt) or learned (lɜ:nd), has learnt or has learned)
 1 find out something, or how to do something, by studying or by doing it often: *I learnt English at school.*

3 **run** /rʌn/ verb (runs, running, ran (ræn), has run)
 1 move very quickly on your legs: *I was late so I ran to the bus-stop.*
 2 go; make a journey: *The buses don't run on Sundays.*

4 **fall** /fɔ:l/ verb (falls, falling, fell (fel), has fallen /'fɔ:lən/)
 1 go down quickly; drop: *The book fell off the table.* ◇ *She fell down the stairs and broke her arm.*

5 **see** /si:/ verb (sees, seeing, saw (sɔ:), has seen /si:n/)
 1 know something using your eyes: *It was so dark that I couldn't see anything.*
 ◇ *Can you see that plane?* ◇ *I'm going to see a doctor.*

6 **hear** /hɪə(r)/ verb (hears, hearing, heard (hɜ:d), has heard)
 1 get sounds with your ears: *Can you hear that noise?* ◇ *I heard somebody laughing in the next room.*

T7.3 Listen and check your answers. Practise saying the past forms.

4 Match the verbs in the box to their past forms below.

see	read	wear	pay	say
think	buy	put	teach	mean
catch	cut	send		

- 1 saw _____ wore _____
- 2 read _____ said _____
- 3 said _____ paid _____
- 4 caught _____ taught _____
- 5 thought _____ bought _____
- 6 sent _____ meant _____
- 7 cut _____ put _____

5 **T7.4** Listen to the pairs of verbs in 4. Tick (✓) the box if the past forms rhyme, put a cross (X) if they don't.

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6 Practise saying the past forms above. Test a partner. You say a verb from the box in 4 and your partner says the past form.

