

## Pronunciation Rules for the Simple Past Tense of Regular Verbs

1. The regular simple past always ends in the letter -d. There are, however, three different pronunciations for the final sound of the regular simple past.

- a. raced            /t/
- b. lived            /d/
- c. attended        /id/

2. The final sound can be pronounced /t/.

- a. hop              hopped
- b. work             worked
- c. laugh            laughed
- d. address         addressed
- e. publish         published
- f. watch            watched

3. The final sound can be pronounced /d/.

- a. hug              hugged
- b. live              lived
- c. surprise         surprised
- d. change         changed
- e. return           returned
- f. enroll            enrolled
- g. appear          appeared
- h. bathe            bathed

\*\*\*The final sound is always /d/ if the verb ends in a vowel.\*\*\*

- i. agree            agreed
- j. play             played
- k. die               died
- l. enjoy            enjoyed

4. The final sound can be pronounced /id/.

- a. start             started
- b. decide           decided

