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Sure, there are irregular words in English. The past of teach is taught; the past of buy is bo

But let's look at the regular verbs. Most English verbs are regular. To indicate the past, the

The ending of the verb ^love~ in the past: ^I loved the movie~ is very different from the endi

But how do you know when it should end with a voiced "d" sound and when with a voiceless "t" s

The "rule" for the formation of the past is similar to the "rule" for the "s" at the end of pl

The rule of the "d" in three parts:

There is a one simple "rule" that covers the pronunciation of the "d" and "t" sounds.

The sound that indicates the past of the verb is the voiceless "t" sound when the verb ends in

The three parts of the rule are:

1. the voiceless "t" sound,
2. the voiced "d" sound,
3. the added syllable.

1. The voiceless (unvoiced) "t":

The "rule" tells us when the last sound of a verb is is like that of the words talk, cap, mess

For example the letter "d" that represents the past in the written word is pronounced like the

The past tense of the verb is also indicated by a voiceless sound when the verb ends in any "h

It is important to note that although the voiceless "d" is written "ed", you do NOT add a syll

2. The voiced "d":

The "d" is voiced in two situations:

a. when the word ends in a vowel sound such as, played, teed, owed, cued.

The "strange" vowels are also followed by a voiced "d" such as in the words: furred, papered,

b. when the word ends in a voiced consonant.

Some examples of the second case are: b as in the word robbed, n in the word drowned, l in

Remember that that the voiced "d" sound forms the past of verbs that end in a voiced consonant

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3. The added syllable

In both cases, when the verb ends in either the sound of the voiced "d" or the sound of the vo

For example, the verbs in the present tense visit, vote, side, need, plant, adopt, add "ed" t

The "ed" is pronounced with a special vowel followed by a voiced "d". The special vowel is the

It is only in this special case that you pronounce the second syllable of the past of a verb.

Although many verbs have "ed" in their past, it is just a strange note of English spelling. Yo

You only pronounce the "ed" when the root form of the verb ends with your tongue touching the

The extra syllable: Listen to this as often as necessary for you to be able to distinguish the

Review and practice all parts of the ^RULE~!

The first part of the "rule": the voiceless "t";

The second part of the "rule": the voiced "d" :

The third part of the "rule": the added syllable

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