

Past Simple – Pronunciation

- 100% the letter 'e' in regular past simple pronunciation is silent = walked. = the "e" is silent!
- Eliminate this sound.
- Must pronounce the last 'd'.
- Make two phonetic sounds.
- Vast majority are a phonetic /tuh/ and the rest are /id/.
- Which sound is it? Look at the original verb.
- If the verb ends in a 't' or a 'd' (need, collect, start, etc.,) then it is the /id/ sound; if not it is the /tuh/ sound! Easy!

I **helped** my mum make biscuits yesterday = We **hunted** for her keys.

ends in the letter "p"; this is /tuh/.

Andrew **decorated** his bedroom blue.

I **wanted** to go to the beach last weekend.

Katy **turned** down a fantastic new job.

= ends in the letter "t"; this is /id/.

Sarah **ainted** a portrait of her dad.

The kids **played** football all afternoon.

Diana **checked** the news all day yesterday.

We **wrapped** the Christmas presents last

We **travelled** to Paris last summer.

night.

They **thanked** everyone for their wedding presents.

I **laughed** at Felipe's joke.

The dog **jumped** over the fence to escape.

We **finished** work at 6pm.

José Luis **fixed** the dish he broke.

The snake **killed** the mouse.

I **started** to ride a bicycle when I was 4.

Paula **looked** for a new coat at the mall yesterday.

We **hiked** to the top of the mountain.

James **rented** his apartment at the beach.

Andres **washed** his clothes last night.

We can't swim because the pool is **covered**.

That old house is **haunted**.

They **skied** down the mountain.