

## Unit 3 Lesson 2 Using Past Tense

### Using Past Tense forms of verb “to be”

Positive		Negative	
I	was	I	was not wasn't
he		he	
she		she	
it		it	
we	were	we	were not weren't
you		you	
they		they	

Simple Past Tense is most often created by adding –ed to the end of a regular verb. The problem occurs when pronouncing the word in past tense. The pronunciation depends on the final sound of the simple form of the verb.

Here are the three different pronunciations that may occur:

#### 1. -ed adds an extra syllable /id/

Rule: If the simple form of the verb ends with the sound /t/ or /d/..... then **pronounce the –ed as an extra syllable.**

start = started      start / ed  
need = needed      need / ed

#### 2. -ed sound like /t/

Rule: If the simple form of the verb ends with /f/, /d/, /p/, /s/, /ch/, /ks/ (the voiceless sounds)..... then **pronounce –ed as a /t/.**

look = looked      look/t/  
work = worked      work/t/

#### 3. -ed sounds like /d/

Rule: If the simple form of the verb ends with any other letter not listed (the voiced sounds) then pronounce **–ed as /d/**

Order = ordered      order/d/  
Rinse = rinsed      rinse/d/