

Simple Past Tense

mopped · cleaned · dusted

Say what happened: the verb takes **-ed**, and the -ed has three sounds. **Mopped** sounds like t. **Cleaned** sounds like d. **Dusted** sounds like ed, two beats. The e is silent in the first two. Every verb on this sheet is a household chore.

★ the three sounds, one word for everyone, spell it, did · ★★ which sound?, ask with or · ★★★ last night, answer it, fix it, the citizenship test

★ The three sounds of -ed

Three cards. The -ed has three sounds. Tap a sentence and count the beats.

SOUNDS LIKE T

silent e

one beat ●

I **MOPPED** the floor. 🗣️

She **WASHED** the dishes. 🗣️

We **WIPE**d the table. 🗣️

SOUNDS LIKE D

silent e

one beat ●

I **CLEANED** the kitchen. 🗣️

He **VACUUMED** the carpet. 🗣️

They **SCRUBBED** the tub. 🗣️

SOUNDS LIKE ED

you hear the e

two beats ●●

I **DUSTED** the shelves. 🗣️

She **FOLDED** the laundry. 🗣️

We **LOADED** the dishwasher. 🗣️

mopped ● sounds like t 🗣️

cleaned ● sounds like d 🗣️

dusted ●● sounds like ed 🗣️

You hear the e only after t or d.

Clap it. Mopped is one beat. Dusted is two.

★ One word for everyone

One verb, five people. Watch nothing change.

I	-----	cleaned 🗣️
You	-----	cleaned 🗣️
He/She/It	-----	cleaned 🗣️
We	-----	cleaned 🗣️
They	-----	cleaned 🗣️

Everyone takes the same -ed. Even he, she and it. The -s is gone.

★ Spell it

Most verbs just add -ed. Three kinds change a little.

Ends in e: add d.

wipe → **wiped** 🗣️
recycle → **recycled** 🗣️

Consonant + y: y becomes ied.

empty → **emptied** 🗣️
dry → **dried** 🗣️
but spray → **sprayed** 🗣️

One vowel, one consonant: double it.

mop → **mopped** 🗣️
scrub → **scrubbed** 🗣️

★ Did · didn't

A question and a no. Did does the past; the verb stays plain.

Did + person + verb? · person + didn't + verb.

DID you clean the kitchen? 🗣️

Yes, I **DID**. No, I **DIDN'T**. 🗣️

I **DIDN'T** vacuum. 🗣️

After did and didn't, the verb has no -ed. Did is the past already.

★★ Which sound?

Nine more chores. Tap to hear each one, then choose its sound.

cooked 

t d ed

emptied 

t d ed

painted 

t d ed

fixed 

t d ed

watered 

t d ed

sorted 

t d ed

picked up 

t d ed

dried 

t d ed

unloaded 

t d ed

Say it first. Then choose. On paper, circle one.

★★ Ask with or

Two choices in one question. The same answer, both times.

Did + person + verb A ↗ **or** verb B ↘ ?

Did Ana mop ↗ **or** vacuum the floor? ↘ 

She **MOPPED** the floor. 

Did Ana mop the floor ↗ **or** the stairs? ↘ 

She **MOPPED** the floor. 

An or question wants a choice. Never answer yes or no.

Your voice goes up on the first choice and down on the second.

★★★ Last night

Every day becomes last night. Type the verb, or the whole sentence.

- 1 Every day I mop the floor.
Last night I _____ the floor.

- 2 Every day she washes the dishes.
Last night she _____ the dishes.

- 3 Every day he vacuums the carpet.
Yesterday he _____ the carpet.

- 4 Every day we dust the shelves.
Yesterday we _____ the shelves.

- 5 Every day they clean the bathroom.
Last night they _____ the bathroom.

- 6 Every day I empty the trash.
Last night I _____ the trash.

- 7 Every day she folds the laundry.
Yesterday she _____ the laundry.

- 8 Every day we wipe the table.
Last night we _____ the table.

★★★ Answer the or question

The choice is in the brackets. Answer with a whole sentence in the past.

- 1 Did Ana mop or vacuum the floor? (*mop*)

- 2 Did Luis wash or dry the dishes? (*wash*)

- 3 Did she dust or wipe the shelves? (*dust*)

- 4 Did they fold or iron the laundry? (*fold*)

★★★ Fix the sentence

Each sentence is broken in one place. Keep every word and change only what is broken.

1

✗ I was cleaned the kitchen.

No was. Just -ed.

2

✗ Did you mopped the floor?

After did, no -ed.

3

✗ He moped the floor.

One vowel, one consonant: double the p.

4

✗ She emptyed the trash.

Consonant + y: ied.

5

✗ We didn't vacuumed.

After didn't, no -ed.

6

✗ Did he wash or dry the dishes? Yes.

Or wants a choice, not yes.

★★★ On the citizenship test

Three real answers from the test, one per sound. Then hear a writing-test sentence and type it.

ON THE CITIZENSHIP TEST

The citizenship test tells its story in the past. Listen for the -ed.

115. What major event happened on September 11, 2001 in the United States?

Terrorists attacked the United States sounds like t 

94. Abraham Lincoln is famous for many things. Name one.

Freed the slaves (Emancipation Proclamation) sounds like d 

85. Benjamin Franklin is famous for many things. Name one.

Founded the first free public libraries sounds like ed 

On the writing test, the officer says a sentence and you write it.

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