

SIMPLE TENSES

1. Pronunciation: Final “-s”

- a. /s/ after voiceless consonants: p, t, k, f, θ (th)
- b. /z/ after voiced consonants: b, d, g, v, ð (TH), m, n, ng, r, l, and after vowel sounds (a, e, i, o, u)
- c. extra syllable /ɪz/ after: s, z, ʃ (sh), ʒ (zh), tʃ (ch), dʒ (j)

2. Pronunciation: Past tense suffix “-ed”

- a. /t/ after voiceless consonants: p, k, f, θ (th), s, ʃ (sh), tʃ (ch)
- b. /d/ after voiced consonants: b, g, v, ð (TH), z, ʒ [zh], dʒ [j], m, n, ng, r, l, and after vowel sounds (a, e, i, o, u)
- c. extra syllable /ɪd/ after /t/ or /d/

TIME	EVERY DAY (Simple Present)	YESTERDAY (Simple Past)
7:00 a.m.	I get up.	
7:15	I wash my face.	
7:30	I eat some cereal.	
	I drink some orange juice.	
7:45	I brush my teeth.	
8:00	I close my windows before I leave.	
8:15	I listen to the radio.	
8:30	I arrive at work.	
	I greet my coworkers.	
	I check my calendar.	
9:00	I call Human Resources.	
10:00	I go to a meeting.	
11:00	I reserve a table at a restaurant.	
11:30	I invite a friend to lunch.	
12:00 p.m.	We walk to the restaurant.	
	We ask for menus.	
	We order lunch.	
	We talk about our families.	
	We finish eating.	
1:00	We return to work.	
1:15	I refill my coffee mug.	
1:30	I answer my e-mail.	
2:00	I talk to my boss.	
2:30	I copy several documents.	
3:00	I post a flyer about the company picnic on the bulletin board.	
3:15	I file my correspondence.	
4:00	I listen to a complaint.	
4:45	I type up a report.	
5:00	I clean my desk before I go home.	
5:30	I stop by the supermarket.	
6:00	I order Chinese food to-go.	
6:30	I unlock my front door.	
7:00	I watch my favorite TV show.	
10:00	I turn off the light to go to bed.	