

FUMC ESL 9-19-2022. High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Answer this question: What is something you need?

PAST TENSE VERBS:

In English, the way to make a verb past tense is to add ED. Examples: paint - painted, need - needed, want - wanted, start - started, help - helped.

ED verbs are not all pronounced the same.

1. In words that end in D or T, we usually pronounce the ED. Examples: wanted, started, painted, needed
2. If the verb ends in a vowel or in one of these letters l, n, r, b, g, m, z, s, v, we make a 'D sound. Examples: robbed, named, spelled, burned, buzzed
3. If the verb ends in p, k, f, gh, sh, ch, ss, c, x, we make the sound 'T after the verb. Examples: washed, watched, kissed, helped

Read these sentences.

1. I wanted a new car.
2. The children started school.
3. He needed a job.
4. We called Mother.
5. They cleaned the house.
6. I used my friend's car.
7. They helped us move.
8. The children watched TV.
9. The repair shop fixed my car.
10. She pulled the box inside.

IRREGULAR PAST TENSE

The problem is MANY verbs are irregular. They have a past tense form that is NOT ED. To learn these verbs, we look for patterns.

Some verbs are the same in present tense and past tense. Read these sentences.

Remember, present tense is used to talk about something that usually happens or in commands like, "Shut the door."

Present Tense	Past Tense
I always <u>put</u> the baby in a carseat.	Yesterday, I <u>put</u> the baby in the carseat.
When my friend needs a car, I <u>let</u> her use mine.	Yesterday, I <u>let</u> her use my car.
Be careful. Don't <u>cut</u> your hand.	I <u>cut</u> my hand this morning.
Can you <u>hit</u> the ball?	Yes, I <u>hit</u> the ball over the fence.

Present Tense	Past Tense
I always <u>hurt</u> myself when I play baseball.	After baseball practice, my foot <u>hurt</u> .
Don't <u>quit</u> school.	My grandson <u>quit</u> school.
<u>Shut</u> the door when you leave.	Dad <u>shut</u> all the doors when we left.

Another common way to make past tense are changing words that end in D to ending in T in the past. Read these sentences.

Present Tense	Past Tense
I <u>send</u> Mother a card every Mother's Day.	I <u>sent</u> her a card last year.
My husband <u>builds</u> houses.	He <u>built</u> our house last year.
Sometimes I <u>spend</u> too much money.	My sister <u>spent</u> a lot of money at the mall yesterday.

Another way we make past tense is to change an i vowel to an a vowel. Read these sentences.

Present Tense	Past tense
Did your children <u>begin</u> school.	They <u>began</u> school last week.
My wife and I <u>drink</u> coffee every morning.	We <u>drank</u> coffee this morning.
<u>Ring</u> the doorbell when you arrive.	The doorbell <u>rang</u> a few minutes ago.
The birds always <u>sing</u> in the morning.	The birds <u>sang</u> last night.
Clothes <u>shrink</u> in hot water.	I <u>shrank</u> my shirt in the washing machine.
Please don't <u>sink</u> this boat.	I <u>sank</u> the first boat I owned.
We <u>swim</u> every day.	We <u>swam</u> this morning.

Answer these questions about the sentences above.

1. Where did they put the baby?
2. Who shut the doors?
3. Who quit school?
4. Where did they hit the ball?
5. When did his/her foot hurt?
6. Who spent a lot of money at the mall?

7. Who builds houses?
8. When did the children begin school?
9. Who drinks coffee every morning?
10. What happened to his/her first boat?
11. When did we swim?
12. What did he/she shrink?
13. When did the doorbell ring.
14. When do the birds always sing?

Practice Speaking:

1. Some people are afraid of flying. Are you? What are you afraid of?
2. Do you ever talk to strangers on a plane?
3. Which seat do you prefer in a plane, a window seat, aisle seat or the middle seat?
4. How do you feel about very long flights? What is the longest flight you have taken?
5. Do you usually sleep during the flight or do you watch movies?
6. Do you worry when you are in a car driven by a friend? Do you think you are a better driver than most people? Who is the best driver in your family?
7. How old were you when you learned to drive?

Pronunciation: OW

There are two ways to pronounce this sound in words. It can be pronounced like COW. Read these words: allow, now, how, brown, meow, down, town, crown

OW can also be pronounced like SHOW. Read these words: know, low, slow, grow, blow

Tell if these word pairs sound the same or different.

power - shower	grown - ground	arrow - window	growl - frown	elbow - borrow
frown - found	crow - crown	blow - blouse	how - house	eyebrow - shallow

Both BOW and ROW can be pronounced two ways and have different meanings. How would you pronounce BOW and ROW in these sentences.

There is a bow on the present. They bow to the teacher.

I like to row my boat. My brother and I had a row.

Pronounce these sentences.

1. Now I know how.
2. Throw the ball through the window.
3. The owl sat on the cow.

4. The wolf howled at the cow.
5. The cow frowned at sat on the ground.
6. Don't shout at the cow.
7. Please allow us to leave now.
8. There is a high tower at the power plant.