

Simple Past REGULAR VERBS Pronunciation Game

Practising the **pronunciation of REGULAR VERBS in the SIMPLE PAST** is often underestimated due to the fact that **everyone concentrates on learning the irregular verbs**, deeming regular verbs to be easy. It is only when students read aloud in class that this necessity becomes apparent, often making my very long hair stand on end!

As a result many years ago I made up this **Simple Past REGULAR VERBS Pronunciation Game** which you can **download below**.

1. First of all I **refresh the students' memory** by dividing the blackboard into three and **distinguishing between the three pronunciations** as on the photocopy.
2. **We practise all together** as I write some examples of verbs in three columns on the board.
3. Depending on the level of the students, I then leave it on the board to consult or rub it off.
4. Now it's time **to divide the class into two teams** and **distribute one set of verbs to one team** and **a different set of verbs to the other team**. **NO WRITING is allowed** as this is an oral skill to be practised.
5. **The first team starts** by each **reading just one verb in turn until someone makes a mistake**.
6. **Then the other team reads theirs, just one verb per person until someone makes a mistake**.
7. Then **the first team STARTS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE LIST again**, but this time **with another person reading** so as **NOT to always have the same people reading the same identical verbs as before**.
8. **The game proceeds taking turns, ALWAYS STARTING FROM THE TOP OF THE LIST AGAIN, until one team manages to read their list completely with making a mistake!**
9. All this **repetition helps them to fix the pronunciation** in their minds and be more aware of it.
10. If there is time at the end of the lesson we also read "**The Story of Willy the Kid**" taken from the age-old *Streamline Departures*, filling in the gaps and pronouncing the verbs correctly (see **download**). There is also a very nice **audio* of it to listen to** and we even **act it out** time-permitting.

* LISTEN TO AUDIO <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IxXou87go7Q>

Hope you have fun with it!
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