

Pronunciation Regular Verbs

How to Pronounce Regular Verbs

When it comes to **pronouncing regular verbs**, we know that:

- if a verb ends with a **t** or **d** sound we pronounce an extra syllable: **uhd** e.g. *chatted, added*
- if a verb ends with a **vowel sound** or a **voiced consonant sound** we pronounce **d** e.g. *played, lived*
- if a verb ends with an **unvoiced consonant sound** we pronounce **t** e.g. *pushed, watched*

It is important not to mix up the **d** and **t** sound at the end. If you do, you might end up with a **different word**. This can confuse your listener. For example: 'Did your friend go to the party?' 'No, he wasn't a lout.' 'What?!' The listener hears 'a lout' instead of 'allowed' and maybe does not understand what the speaker means.

Look at the following pairs below. On the left is the correct word and on the right is what you might hear instead:

41 common verbs:

• allowed	a lout	• planned	plant
• assured	a short	• played	plate
• barred / baaed	Bart	• poured	port
• based	baste	• pursued	pursuit
• billed	built	• queued	cute
• booted	boot	• raised	raced
• chased	chaste	• required	requite
• complained	complaint	• rowed	wrote
• covered	covet	• sighed	sight / site
• flowed	float	• stayed	state
• fried	fright	• stowed	stoat
• guessed	guest	• stunned	stunt
• joined	joint	• sued	suit
• killed	kilt	• thawed	thought
• lied	light / lite	• tied	tight
• lived	lift	• toured	taught
• mowed	moat	• towed	tote
• occurred	a curt	• tried	trite
• ordered	or dirt	• used	used (to)
• owed	oat	• weighed	wait / weight
• passed	past		

17 less common verbs:

• allied	alight / a light	• purred	pert
• bowed	boat	• rued	root / route
• charred	chart	• sawed	sought
• felled	felt	• shooed	chute
• kneed	neat	• shored	short
• marred	mart / Mart	• starred	start
• moored	Mort	• strayed	straight
• planed	plaint	• tarred	tart
• punned	punt		

16 rare verbs:

• arrayed	a rate	• peed	peat / Pete
• bayed	bait	• plied	plight
• cawed / cored	caught / court	• slayed / sleighed	slate
• cooed	coot	• spayed	spate
• gnawed	nought	• warred	wart
• mooded	moot	• weed	wheat
• neighed	Nate	• wooed	woot
• pained	paint		
• pawed	port		