

AAE103

L2 : Verb Inflections

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Overview

- review of verb inflections
- pronunciation of verb inflections

Verb or Adjective?

- Verb cannot take *very*

He was tired → He was very tired.

He was failed → * He was very failed.

practice : verb or adjective?

1. He is interested in books.
2. Bob was watched by a tiger.
3. Sam was surprised by the results.
4. Jo was noticed by the judges.
5. I have been attacked.
6. I am fascinated in linguistics.

extreme adjectives

- cannot be qualified by *very*
- *fascinated, amazed, marvellous, brilliant ...*

I am very interested in this.

* I am very fascinated in this.

Verb Inflections

- base form : *I walk*
- third singular : *he walks*
- -ing participle : *he is walking*
- past : *he walked*
- -ed participle : *he has walked*

past form / -ed participle

- the same for regular verbs: *walked*
- may differ for irregular verbs: *ate/eaten*

occurrence of –ed participle

- after perfective *have* : I have eaten
- after passive *be* : I was eaten

occurrence of –ing participle

- after progressive *be*: I am walking

occurrence of base form

- after modal verb: I can swim
- after infinitive *to*: I like to swim
- after dummy *do*: Do you swim?

Identify the underlined form and explain it.

- Fred has finished.
- Bill might win.
- Shanti does like you.
- Sharifah is really trying.
- Should he come now?
- Sam was maybe shot.

Pronunciation of –ed : /t/ or /d/?

smashed
failed
surprised
laughed
fined
blamed

/t/ or /d/ ?

- voiceless + /t/
- voiced + /d/

/ɪd/ after alveolar plosives

- alveolar plosives = /t, d/
- SgE has /ɪd/

lifted /'lɪftɪd/
raided /'reɪdɪd/

summary: -ed suffix occurrence

- occurs on verbs in
 - regular past tense : *walked, saved, waited ...*
 - regular -ed participle
- occurs on adjectives as
 - derivational suffix, V → Adj :
ashamed, interested ...

pronunciation of -ed suffix

- /t/ after voiceless sound other than /t/
- /d/ after voiced sound other than /d/
- /ɪd/ after /t, d/

rushed /rʌʃt/
seemed /si:md/
faded /'feɪdɪd/

note : vowels are voiced

played /pleɪd/

irregular verbs

- a few irregular verbs do not follow the rules:

dreamt /dremt/
meant /ment/

- a few adjectives do not really have a suffix:

wicked /'wɪkɪd/

Reading

- pronunciation of -ed: SoE 141-142.
- occurrence of verb forms: GoE 38