



Tom, Dick and Sid – past simple pronunciation

How did Tom, Dick and Sid spend last Friday night?

Write the verbs in the past simple to complete the story. Think about pronunciation.

Tom (jump, cook, watch, wash, miss)

Tom got home late because he _____ the bus home. When he arrived he _____ in the shower and _____ his hair. He went to the kitchen and _____ dinner – turkey and tomatoes. Tom ate his dinner alone in the living room. He _____ sport on tv, and went to bed alone at about ten thirty.

Dick (listen, stay, travel, enjoy, love, cry, change)

Dick didn't go home at five o'clock, he _____ at work until seven thirty. He _____ his clothes and _____ by train to Derby. He went to the new nightclub 'Diamonds' and _____ to his favourite music – love songs. He _____ all night because the songs were so sad, but he _____ the sad songs and he really _____ himself. Dick went home at about midnight and he went to bed alone at about one o'clock.

Sid (start, rent, need, hate, want)

Sid _____ to drive home from work at five o'clock, but the traffic was so heavy that he didn't arrive home until seven fifteen. Sid really _____ to relax last Friday night, but he _____ to study hard. Sid had to take an exam on Saturday morning. Sid _____ taking exams. Sid studied and then he went to bed alone at about ten o'clock.

Look at these verbs. Do they go with Tom, Dick or Sid? Write them in the correct box.

Dance, plan, look, pick, reply, answer, turn, describe, check, call, shout, surprise, like, phone, decide, collect, correct, match

Tom	Dick	Sid
jump, cook, watch, wash, miss	listen, stay, travel, enjoy, love, cry, change	start, rent, need, hate, want

How do you know? What is the rule for past simple verbs?

Tom: if the verb ends with an _____ sound, the past simple verb ends with a _____ sound

Dick: if the verb ends with a _____ sound, the past simple verb ends with a _____ sound

Sid: if the verb ends with the sounds __ or ____, the past simple verb ends with an _____ sound



Check your answers

How did Tom, Dick and Sid spend last Friday night?

Tom Tom got home late because he missed the bus home. When he arrived he jumped in the shower and washed his hair. He went to the kitchen and cooked dinner – turkey and tomatoes. Tom ate his dinner alone in the living room. He watched sport on tv, and went to bed alone at about ten thirty.

Dick Dick didn't go home at five o'clock, he stayed at work until seven thirty. He changed his clothes and travelled by train to Derby. He went to the new nightclub 'Diamonds' and listened to his favourite music – love songs. He cried all night because the songs were so sad, but he loved the sad songs and he really enjoyed himself. Dick went home at about midnight and he went to bed alone at about one o'clock.

Sid Sid started to drive home from work at five o'clock, but the traffic was so heavy that he didn't arrive home until seven fifteen. Sid really wanted to relax last Friday night, but he needed to study hard. Sid had to take an exam on Saturday morning. Sid had taking exams. Sid studied and then he went to bed alone at about ten o'clock.

Tom	Dick	Sid
jump, cook, watch, wash, miss Dance, look, pick, check, like, match	listen, stay, travel, enjoy, love, cry, change plan, reply, answer, turn, describe, call, surprise, phone,	start, rent, need, hate, want shout, decide, collect, correct,

Tom: if the verb ends with an unvoiced sound, the past simple verb ends with a /t/ sound

Dick: if the verb ends with a voiced sound, the past simple verb ends with a /d/ sound

Sid: if the verb ends with the sounds /t/ or /d/, the past simple verb ends with an /id/ sound