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QT-ESL Podcast No. 3

“The Simple Present and Simple Past”

Hi! I’m Marianne Raynaud, and I’m here to help you improve your level of spoken English.

Today, we will be working on “the simple present and simple past”. If you don’t know the meaning of the verbs we are using, stop and look them up in your dictionary before you begin.

The first group of verbs we will be using today are:

Stay	Believe
Clean	Try
Move	Prepare

Let us work on the present tense in the third person singular with “He”. Remember to pronounce the last “s” correctly. I mean <s> as in <stays>. Repeat <stays>.

Listen to the examples:

<i>I say: I stay</i>	<i>You say: He cleans</i>
<i>You say: He stays</i>	<i>I say: I move</i>
<i>I say: I clean</i>	<i>You say: He moves</i>

Now, you go on in the same way. Be sure to speak BEFORE I give the right answer.

I stay	I believe
He stays	He believes
I clean	I try
He cleans	He tries
I move	I prepare
He moves	He prepares

The simple past forms of these verbs are regular. You add “ed”, which you pronounce <d>. Repeat <d>.

Listen and repeat:

Stay, stayed	Believe, believed
Clean, cleaned	Try, tried
Move, moved	Prepare, prepared



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Now, listen to the examples. Remember the simple past and the present perfect forms of these verbs are regular. You just add “ed”, which you pronounce <d>.

<i>I say: I stay</i>	<i>You say: I cleaned, I have cleaned</i>
<i>You say: I stayed, I have stayed</i>	<i>I say: I move</i>
<i>I say: I clean</i>	<i>You say: I moved, I have moved</i>

Now you do it. Remember to speak BEFORE I give the right answer.

I stay	I believe
I stayed, I have stayed	I believed, I have believed
I clean	I try
I cleaned, I have cleaned	I tried, I have tried
I move	I prepare,
I moved, I have moved	I prepared, I have prepared

Now, let us try the same thing with a different group of verbs. Listen and repeat.

Paint	Contribute	Carry
Hate	Taste	Sort

Let us first work on the present tense in the third person singular with “she”. Now, listen to the examples.

<i>I say: I paint</i>	<i>I say: I hate</i>	<i>I say: I contribute</i>
<i>You say: She paints</i>	<i>You say: She hates</i>	<i>You say: She contributes</i>

Now, you do the same thing. Be sure to speak BEFORE I give the right answer.

I paint	I contribute	I carry
She paints	She contributes	She carries
I hate	I taste	I sort
She hates	She tastes	She sorts

The simple past forms of these verbs are regular. You just add “ed” or “d”, but you pronounce the ending <id>. Repeat <id>. This is the case of verbs ending in “t”, “d”, “te”, or “de”. Listen and repeat.

Paint, painted	Contribute, contributed	Carry, carried
Hate, hated	Taste, tasted	Sort, sorted

Remember the simple past and the present perfect forms of these verbs are regular. You just add “ed” or “d”, but you pronounce the ending <id>. Repeat <id>. Listen to the examples.

<i>I say: I paint</i>	<i>I say: I contribute</i>
<i>You say: I painted, I have painted</i>	<i>Yo say: I contributed, I have contributed</i>



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Now, you go on in the same way.

I paint	I taste
I painted, I have painted	I tasted, I have tasted
I contribute	I carry,
I contributed, I have contributed	I carried, I have carried
I hate	I sort,
I hated, I have hated	I sorted, I have sorted

Now, let us give the simple past of the verbs from both these groups. Here is the example.

<i>I say: stay</i>	<i>You say: I painted, I have painted</i>
<i>You say: I stayed, I have stayed</i>	<i>I say: hate</i>
<i>I say: I paint</i>	<i>You say: I hated, I have hated</i>

Now you do same thing. Be sure to speak BEFORE I give the right answer.

I stay	I taste
I stayed, I have stayed	I tasted, I have tasted
I paint	I believe
I painted, I have painted	I believed, I have believed
I hate	I carry
I hated, I have hated	I carried, I have carried
I clean	I try
I cleaned, I have cleaned	I tried, I have tried
I move	I prepare
I moved, I have moved	I prepared, I have prepared
I contribute	I sort,
I contributed, I have contributed	I sorted, I have sorted

Very good! Now, just listen and repeat.

In the first two podcasts, I worked on two essential verbs: the verb “to be” and the verb “to have”. Today, I have worked on the simple past and the present perfect of some regular verbs. I know in some cases you add the sound <d> as in <moved>. In other cases, you add the sound <id> as in <tasted>. Next time, I will study some of the most usual irregular verbs. By practicing seriously, I will learn to use these verbs perfectly. If I practice QualityTime-ESL exercises for just 10 minutes every day, I will definitely improve my speaking skills. Learning to speak a foreign language is difficult but not impossible. I am certain I will improve my level of spoken English in the very near future.

That is the end of today’s podcast. We will soon be back with more exercises and even short texts to repeat. Thank you all for listening. Bye for now and don't forget to keep smiling!

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