

# ORAL ENGLISH

## TOPIC: MARKERS INFLECTION

### • Pronunciation of the Plural Marker

A plural marker inflection may be reflected in any of the following sounds: /z/, /ɪz/, /s/.

#### RULES:

1. If you have /k, f, t, p/ such as in *brooks*, *staffs*, *pots*, and *cups* coming before the last 's', such will be pronounced as /s/.

❖ Brooks/bru:ks/

❖ Staffs/sta:fs/

❖ Pots/pɒts/

❖ Cups/kʌps/

2. If you have any of the following consonant sounds, plus 's' : /dʒ, tʃ, ʃ, z, s/ as in: *judges*, *churches*, *washes*, *buzzes*, *hisses* etc., such will be pronounced as /ɪz/.

❖ Judges/dʒʌdʒɪz/

❖ Churches/tʃɜ:tʃɪz/

❖ Washes/wɒʃɪz/

❖ Buzzes/bʌzɪz/

❖ Hisses/hɪsɪz/

3. When 's' is added to the back of a word that ends with the following consonant sounds: /b, d, g, ŋ, l, m, n, v/, the 's' is pronounced /z/ as in: *cabs*, *cards*, *rags*, *things*, *bells*, *palms*, *dons*, *moves*.

❖ Cabs/kæbz/

❖ Cads/kædz/

- ❖ Rags/rægz/
- ❖ Things/θɪŋz/
- ❖ Bells/belz/
- ❖ Palms/pa:mz/
- ❖ Dons/dɒnz/
- ❖ Moves/mu:vz/

- **Pronunciation of Past Tense Marker**

A past tense marker may be reflected in any of the following sounds: /d/, /t/, /ɪd/.

Rules:

1. If the sound that comes before a past tense marker is either /t/ or /d/ as in *drafted* and *minded*, the ‘ed’ should be pronounced as /ɪd/ as in: *wanted, waited, lifted, padded, guarded*.

- ❖ Drafted/dra:ftɪd/
- ❖ Wanted/wɒntɪd/
- ❖ Lifted/lɪftɪd/
- ❖ Padded/pædɪd/ or /pædɪd/
- ❖ Guarded/ga:dɪd/
- ❖ Minded/maɪndɪd/

2. If the sound that comes before the past tense marker is a voiced consonant or vowel (b, g, m, n, ŋ, dʒ, v, ð, z, ʒ, l, then, pronounce the ‘ed’ as /d/ as in: *begged, prayed, barred, cried, etc.*

- ❖ Begged/begd/
- ❖ Bagged/bægd/
- ❖ Jammed/dʒæmd/
- ❖ Manned/mænd/

- ❖ Banked/bæŋkd/
- ❖ Judged/dʒʌdʒd/
- ❖ Paved/peɪvd/
- ❖ Bathed/beɪðd/
- ❖ Buzzed/bʌzd/
- ❖ Measured/meʒʊəd/
- ❖ Called/kɔːld/

3. If the sound that comes before the past tense marker is a voiceless consonant, (p,k,t,f,θ,s,ʃ,h,) as in *slapped, passed*, then the 'ed' will be pronounced /t/

- ❖ Slapped/slæpt/
- ❖ Spanked/spæŋkt/
- ❖ Patched/pæʃt/
- ❖ Roofed/ruːft/
- ❖ Passed/pissed/paːst/; /pɪst/
- ❖ Pushed/pʊʃt/ etc.

## EXERCISE

**Give a transcribed example on each of the sounds given above. That should give a total of 40 words!**

## ASSIGNMENT

In your PQ, Oral English Section, from 2010-2015, answer questions 36-45.