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## Your English No. 37

### “The Words the Little Boy Spoke” - A Poem To Learn the Simple Past in English

Hi. I’m Marianne Raynaud. My goal is to help you improve your spoken English. If you have downloaded the transcript, you will be able to say the poem together with me. If not, just listen to the continuous reading and then do the listen and repeat section with me. Be sure to stress certain syllables the way I do. Since English is a stressed language, you must learn to put the stress on words correctly in order not to be misunderstood. If you want to have some written exercises based on this poem, go to our website QualityTime-ESL.

#### “These are the Words the Little Boy Spoke” – *Work on the Irregular Simple Past Tense*

*(The words to be stressed are in bold).*

This **poem** has **rhymes** to **learn** how to **say**  
Some **verbs** in past **simple** without **any** **dismay**  
For **this** is the **tense** we **use** most of **all**  
With **bygone** **times** and **events** we **recall**

This is the **language** the little boy **spoke**  
This is the **promise** the little boy **broke**  
This is the **letter** the little boy **sent**  
This is the **branch** the little boy **bent**

This is the **flower** the little boy **grew**  
This is the **plane** the little boy **flew**  
This is the **bread** the little boy **cut**  
This is the **door** the little boy **shut**

This is the **sweater** the little boy **wore**  
This is the **hanky** the little boy **tore**  
This is the **tear** the little boy **wept**  
This is the **carpet** the little boy **swept**

This is the **ice** the little boy **melt**  
This is the **warmth** the little boy **felt**  
This is the **candy** the little boy **bought**  
This is the **fish** the little boy **caught**

This is the **toast** the little boy **burnt**  
This is the **line** the little boy **learnt**  
This is the **saying** the little boy **knew**  
This is the **picture** the little boy **drew**

This is the **bird** the little boy **found**  
This is the **book** the little boy **bound**  
This is the **monkey** the little boy **fed**  
These are the **crumbs** the little boy **spread**

This is the **place** where he slipped and then **slid**  
This is the **place** where he **ran** and then **hid**  
This is the **place** where he **sat** when he **thought**  
This is the **school** where young he was **taught**

This is the **song** the little boy **sang**  
This is the **bell** the little boy **rang**  
This is the **place** where the little boy **stood**  
And tried to **remember** whatever he **could**

*These are the **words** the little boy **spoke**  
So try to **learn** them, **all** of you **folk**!  
For **this** is the **tense** we **use** most of **all**  
With **bygone** **times** and **events** we **recall***

*Now listen and repeat.*

*That's the end of this episode. If you want to do written exercises based on this poem, go to our website [www.qualitytime-esl.com](http://www.qualitytime-esl.com). For additional practice you can try our other series "QualityTime-ESL Podcasts" and "5-Minute TOPs". Thank you all for listening. Bye for now.*