Past Tense ... Practice

Complete the conversation below with the correct past tense verb.

A: What did you do yesterday?
B: I_____________________. (work)
A: But I____________________ you were going to play baseball. (think)
B: I______________________ baseball after work. (play)
A: I____________________ you______________________ after work. (think, rest)
B: No, not exactly. After the baseball game, I____________________ my car. (wash)
A: ______________________ your car? (wash)
B: And ______________________ it, too. (fix) So what did you do yesterday?
A: Let me see. I____________________ my teeth. (brush)
B: Exciting.
A: I____________________ boxing on T.V. (watch)
B: Amazing.
A: I____________________ my resume. (type)
B: Extraordinary.
A: I____________________ by myself. (dance)
B: Good thing.
A: And finally I____________________ a Danish. (bake)
B: And what about your wife? What did she do?
A: She____________________ the kitchen, __________________________ the lawn (clean, mow),____________________ to music and __________________________ her legs (listen, shave). So how’s your baby Gonzo?
B: Well, yesterday Gonzo____________________ then __________________________ then Gonzo____________________ then __________________________. (smile, cry, smile, cry)
A: Why?
B: Well, Gonzo_____________________ . (study)
A: Studied? How old is the baby?
B: Two. My wife and I want to____________________ the seed early. (plant)
A: Why didn’t you____________________ to start Gonzo? (wait)
B: We____________________ one year. (wait)

Pronouncing the regular past tense in English can be difficult because there are three (3) separate sounds: D, T, ID

Say the words below and write down the correct pronunciation for each one.

1. Looked _____ 10. Passed _____
2. Opened _____ 11. Played _____
3. Elected _____ 12. Decided _____
4. Worked _____ 13. Laughed _____
5. Learned _____ 14. Married _____
6. Expected _____ 15. Started _____
7. Talked _____ 16. Watched _____
8. Changed _____ 17. Arrived _____
9. Interested _____ 18. Painted _____