



Pronunciation of Past Tense Verbs

With -ed

PRONUNCIATION OF -ED

The regular past tense ending “-ed” can have three different sounds in English, **t**, **d**, or **id**. The sound that comes before the -ed will decide what sound the -ed will have.

id		t		d	
D & T Sounds	Example	Unvoiced Sounds *	Example	Voiced Sounds * and Vowels	Example
d	needed	f	laughed	a	stayed
t	wanted	k	talked	e	hurried
		p	mopped	i	tried
		s	missed	o	slowed
		x	boxed	u	glued
		sh	washed	b	grabbed
		ch	watched	g	mugged
				j	judged
				l	filled
				m	slammed
				n	planned
				r	scared
				v	saved
				z	closed
The final -ed is pronounced id as in the word did .		The final -ed is pronounced like the t in cat . The -e is silent.		The final -ed is pronounced like the d in good . The -e is silent.	

* Remember that the **sound is important**, not the letter. For example:

- 1) The letter **s** sounds like either /s/ or /z/. In the word “close,” it sounds like /z/ so the -ed sounds like /d/, but in “miss,” it sounds like /s/, so the -ed sounds like /t/.

* Voiced sounds vibrate in the throat when you pronounce them. Unvoiced sounds do not vibrate in the throat.

Past Tense Regular Verb Pronunciation for the Most Common Verbs

-ED PRONOUNCED AS /ID/

contacted	landed
counted	needed
decided	painted
defended	planted
demanded	printed
divided	presented
ended	pretended
expanded	protected
expected	provided
exported	rented
flooded	repeated
graduated	reported
hated	respected
hunted	rested
included	scolded
invited	skated
invented	started
	shouted
	treated
	visited
	waited
	wanted

-ED PRONOUNCED AS /D/

advised	listened
agreed	lived
allowed	loved
answered	measured
appeared	moved
arrived	opened
believed	planned
belonged	played
burned	performed
called	pulled
carried	realized
changed	remembered
cleaned	rained
closed	repaired
covered	saved
cried	shared
damaged	shaved
described	showed
died	signed
dried	slammed
earned	stayed
encouraged	snowed
enjoyed	studied
entered	tried
explained	traveled
explored	turned
filled	used
followed	welcomed
happened	whispered
interviewed	worried
imagined	yawned
jailed	
killed	

-ED PRONOUNCED AS /T/

asked	laughed
baked	locked
brushed	looked
cooked	missed
cracked	mixed
crashed	packed
danced	passed
dressed	picked
dropped	pressed
escaped	pushed
finished	pronounced
fixed	relaxed
guessed	slipped
helped	smoked
hoped	stopped
hiked	shopped
joked	talked
jumped	typed
knocked	walked
kissed	washed
	watched
	worked