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How to Pronounce -ED in English

Learn useful rules for **Pronunciation of ED ending** (Past Tense Pronunciation for **Regular Verbs**) in English with list and examples.

The final **-ed** ending has three different pronunciations: **/id/**, **/t/**, and **/d/**

Final -ED is Pronounced /id/

Final **-ed** is pronounced **/id/** after verbs ending in **/t/** or **/d/** sounds, examples:

- add – added
- lift – lifted
- end -ended
- rest – rested
- defend – defended
- wait – waited
- pretend – pretended
- want – wanted

Final -ED is Pronounced /t/

Final **-ed** is pronounced **/t/** after verbs ending in voiceless sounds except **/t/**, examples:

- **/p/** – dropped, shaped, sipped, wrapped, hoped
- **/k/** – dropped, locked, marked, wrecked, liked
- **/f/** – coughed, laughed, photographed, puffed
- **/θ/** – bathed, toothed
- **/s/** – danced, placed, kissed, missed, faxed
- **/ʃ/** – brushed, flashed, rushed, wished, washed
- **/tʃ/** – pinched, reached, touched, watched

/t/ pronunciation of -ed

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| • announced(s) | • hoped | • Produced(s) |
| • asked | • Impressed(s) | • Promised(s) |
| • baked | • Increased(s) | • Reduced(s) |
| • balanced(s) | • Influenced(s) | • relaxed |
| • brushed | • Introduced(s) | • replaced (S) |
| • danced(s) | • liked | • searched |
| • developed | • locked | • stopped |
| • dressed | • missed (s) | • talked |
| • dropped | • packed | • washed |
| • faxed | • parked | • watched |
| • fixed | • Passed(s) | • worked |
| • hopped | • Practiced(s) | |

Final -ED is Pronounced /d/

Final **-ed** is pronounced **/d/** after verbs ending in voiced sounds **except /d/**. Voiced sounds include vowel sounds:

- /i:/ – keyed, guaranteed
- /ɪ/ – pitied, envied, worried, carried
- /ɑ:/ – barred, scarred
- /ɜ:/ – preferred, referred,
- /ə/ – answered, bothered, gathered
- /eɪ/ – stayed, delayed, played, weighed
- /b/ – disturbed, robbed, grabbed
- /g/ – begged, dragged
- /m/ – aimed, seemed
- /ð/ – clothed, bathed, mouthed
- /z/ – dazed, pleased, caused
- /l/ – called, killed, rolled, boiled, mailed

/d/ pronunciation of -ed		
• concerned	• disagreed	• fired
• confused (z)	• disappeared	• followed
• considered	• discovered	• formed
• contained	• emptied	• fried
• continued	• enjoyed	• happened
• copied	• entered	• hurried
• covered	• examined	• identified
• damaged	• excused (s)	• ignored
• delivered	• exercised (z)	• imagined
• described	• explained	• improved
• deserved	• filed	• informed
• destroyed	• filled	

The pronunciation rule of the -ed

If the base verb ends in one of these <u>sounds</u> :	Example (base verb):	example with -ed:	pronounce the -ed:
/t/	want	wanted	/ <u>ɪ</u> d/
/d/	end	ended	
/p/	hope	hoped	/ <u>t</u> /
/f/	laugh	laughed	
/s/	fax	faxed	
/ʃ/	wash	washed	
/tʃ/	watch	watched	
/k/	like	liked	
all other sounds	play	played	/ <u>d</u> /
	allow	allowed	
	beg	begged	