2-6 REGULAR VERBS: PRONUNCIATION OF -ED ENDINGS

Final -ed has three different pronunciations: /t/, /d/, and /əd/.

(a) looked → look/t/ clapped → clap/t/ missed → miss/t/ watched → watch/t/ finished → finish/t/ laughed → laugh/t/	Final -ed is pronounced /t/ after voiceless sounds. Voiceless sounds are made by pushing air through your mouth; no sound comes from your throat. Examples of voiceless sounds: "k," "p," "s," "ch," "sh," "f."
(b) smell → smell/d/ saved → save/d/ cleaned → clean/d/ robbed → rob/d/ played → play/d/	Final -ed is pronounced /d/ after voiced sounds. Voiced sounds come from your throat. If you touch your neck when you make a voiced sound, you can feel your voice box vibrate. Examples of voiced sounds: "l," "v," "n," "b," and all vowel sounds.
(c) decided → decide/əd/ needed → need/əd/ wanted → want/əd/ invited → invite/əd/	Final -ed is pronounced /əd/ after "t" and "d" sounds. The sound /əd/ adds a whole syllable to a word. COMPARE: looked = one syllable → look/t/ smelled = one syllable → smell/d/ needed = two syllables → need/əd/ wanted = two syllables → want/əd/

☐ EXERCISE 10. Pronunciation of -ED endings. (Chart 2-6)
Directions: Practice pronouncing the words. Write the pronunciation of the -ed ending after each word.

1. talked ___ talk/t/ ___
2. sobbed _____
3. graded _____
4. asked _____
5. helped _____
6. watched _____
7. filled _____
8. defended _____
9. poured _____
10. waited _____
11. enjoyed _____
12. loaded _____

13. roamed _____
14. kissed _____
15. halted _____
16. laughed _____
17. dried _____
18. believed _____
19. judged _____
20. counted _____
21. added _____
22. boxed _____
23. rested _____
24. pushed _____