

Pronouncing -ed Endings

The ending -ed is pronounced three ways:

- As /əd/ when the base verb ends in a /t/ or /d/ sound. This adds a syllable.¹
- As /t/ when the base verb ends in a voiceless² sound
- As /d/ when the base verb ends in a vowel or voiced³ sound

▶ Read and listen to the examples and repeat.

Examples

/əd/: started, decided

/t/: stopped, worked, passed, watched

/d/: played, caused, changed, returned, traveled

1 ▶ Listen to the -ed sound in the underlined words. Check (✓) the sound you hear.

	/əd/	/t/	/d/
1. The satellite <u>exploded</u> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The debris <u>damaged</u> the spacecraft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Scientists have <u>tracked</u> its orbit for many years.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Have they <u>solved</u> the problem yet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Debris <u>surrounded</u> the planet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. How many astronauts have <u>walked</u> on the moon?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. NASA <u>decided</u> to end the program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. What <u>caused</u> the damage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. They <u>finished</u> the spacewalk in less than an hour.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>