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 voiceless[2] sound
- As /d/ when the base verb ends in a vowel or voiced[3] 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 exploded.	☐	☐	☐
2. The debris damaged the spacecraft.	☐	☐	☐
3. Scientists have tracked its orbit for many years.	☐	☐	☐
4. Have they solved the problem yet?	☐	☐	☐
5. Debris surrounded the planet.	☐	☐	☐
6. How many astronauts have walked on the moon?	☐	☐	☐
7. NASA decided to end the program.	☐	☐	☐
8. What caused the damage?	☐	☐	☐
9. They finished the spacewalk in less than hour	☐	☐	☐

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