

Pronunciation of past tense of regular verbs

rules for past tense pronunciation

1. If the verb ends in a **-d** or a **-t**, **-dy** or **-ty** the **-ed** ending is pronounced as a new syllable **/ɪd/**.

2. If the verb ends in a vowel sound or a voiced consonant (l, n, r, b, g, m, z, s, v), then the -ed ending sounds like a /d/ and does not create a new syllable.

3. If the verb ends in an unvoiced consonant (p, k, f, gh, sh, ch, ss, c, x), then the -ed ending sounds like a /t/ and does not create a new syllable.

(1) Want	(2) clean	(3) offer	(4) walk	(5) Need	(6) love	(7) use
(8) follow	(9) Help	(10) enjoy	(11) work	(12) call	(13) Look	
(14) study	(15) fix	(16) dance	(17) Wash	(18) cook	(19) dust	
(20) kiss	(21) Watch	(22) laugh	(23) breathe	(24) fold	(25) empty	

Write the past tense of the verbs into the correct pronunciation column below. Example: walked (pronounced with a /t/ sound)