Pronouncing Past Tense Regular Verbs.

When speaking English, the -ed ending can have three different pronunciations. Sometimes ~ed sounds like [t], as in stopped **[stapt];** sometimes it sounds like [d], as in ***lived*** [livd]; sometimes it sounds like a new syllable, [id], as in loaded **[loudid].**

-ed pronounced /T/

THE ENDING –ED WILL ALWAYS SOUND LIKE /T/ WHEN THE SOUND IN THE PRESENT TENSE VERB IS VOICELESS. VOICELESS MEANS THAT THE VOCAL CORDS DON'T VIBRATE.

EXAMPLES: ***talked*** **[tokt]** **crossed [krost]** ***laughed*** **[laeft]**

Past Tense Verbs (-ed = [t].)

Looked	k
Fixed (ks)	x
Missed	s
Stopped	p
watched	ch
washed	sh
placed = s	s
laughed	F
puffed	F

-ed PRONOUNCED [d]

The ending -ed will always sound like [d] when the last sound in the present tense verb is a vowel or voiced consonant. Voiced means that the vocal cords vibrate.

EXAMPLES: lived [livd] *turned* [taernd] *played* [pleid]

Past Tense Verbs (-ed = [d].)

Loved	v
grabbed	b
Filled	L
Jogged	g
Rained	n
Programed	m
stared	r
studied	Vowel Sounds. i, u.
stayed	Vowel Sounds. i, u.
Followed	Vowel Sounds. i, u.
Buzzed	z

-ed PRONOUNCED [id]

The ending -ed will always sound like the new syllable [id] when the last sound in the present tense verb is [t] or [d].

EXAMPLES: wanted [wantid] rested [restid] ended [endid]

Past Tense Verbs (-ed = the new syllable [id].)

ended	
added	d
hunted	t
printed	

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Practice.

1. Write the final sound on top of the verbs ending in – ed.

1. Sue pack**ed** her suitcase and wait**ed** for a taxi.

2. Tim cash**ed** a check and deposit**ed** the money.

3.The children play**ed** games and jump**ed** the rope.

4. I studi**ed** hard but fail**ed** the test.

5.He listen**ed** while I show**ed** photos and talk**ed** about my trip.

2. Read the following sentences aloud. Choose the correct past tense verb from the list to fill in the blanks. In the brackets, write either [t], [d], or [id] to represent the *-ed* sound in the verb.

painted - lived - mailed - deposited - danced - asked - washed - walked - waited - talked

EXAMPLE: I locked the door, [t]

1. She _____ on the phone for an hour [ ]
2. Dad _____ the fence green [ ]
3. The student _____ three questions. [ ]
4. They _____ 15 minutes for the bus [ ]
5. I've _____ in the same house for four years. [ ]
6. My father _____ a letter [ ]
7. The man_____ five miles. [ ]

I _____ my check in the bank. [ ]

He_____ his car with a hose [ ]

We_____ rumba and the tango [ ]

3. Read the following dialogue aloud. In the brackets above each past tense verb, write the phonetic symbol representing the sound of the -ed ending.

ANNA: Juanita, have you started your diet? I hope you haven't gained any weight.

JUANITA: I boiled eggs and sliced celery for lunch.

ANNA: Have you exercised at all?

JUANITA: I walked five miles and jogged in the park.

ANNA: Have you cleaned the house? Calories can be worked off!

JUANITA: I washed and waxed the floors. I even painted the bathroom.

ANNA: Who baked this apple pie? Who cooked this ham?

JUANITA: When I finished cleaning, I was starved. I prepared this food for dinner.

ANNA: Oh, no! I'll take this food home so you won't be tempted. I really enjoyed it

JUANITA: What happened? Somehow, I missed out on all the fun.

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