

## 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].)

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Look <u>ed</u>     | k  |
| Fix <u>ed</u> (ks) | x  |
| Miss <u>ed</u>     | s  |
| Stop <u>ped</u>    | p  |
| watch <u>ed</u>    | ch |
| wash <u>ed</u>     | sh |
| plac <u>ed</u> = s | s  |
| laugh <u>ed</u>    | F  |
| puff <u>ed</u>     |    |

### **-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].)

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Lov <u>ed</u>         | v                   |
| grab <u>bed</u>       | b                   |
| Fill <u>ed</u>        | L                   |
| Jogg <u>ed</u>        | g                   |
| Rain <u>ed</u>        | n                   |
| Program <u>ed</u>     | m                   |
| star <u>ed</u>        | r                   |
| stud <u>ied</u>       | Vowel Sounds. i, u. |
| stay <u>ed</u>        |                     |
| Follow <u>ed</u>      |                     |
| Buzz <u>ed</u> .....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].)

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| end <u>ed</u>        |   |
| add <u>ed</u> .....  | d |
| hunt <u>ed</u> ..... | t |
| print <u>ed</u>      |   |

### Practice.

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

1. Sue **packed** her suitcase and **waited** for a taxi.
2. Tim **cash**ed a check and **deposited** the money.
3. The children **play**ed games and **jump**ed the rope.
4. I **stud**ied 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 [ɪd] 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. [ ] [ ]