

Pronunciation of -ed (Regular Verbs)

When we talk about the past simple of regular verbs, we add **-ed** at the end of the verb. However, **-ed** has **three different pronunciations**.

1. /t/ sound

We pronounce **-ed** as /t/ when the verb ends in these sounds: /p/ /k/ /f/ /s/ /ʃ/ /tʃ/

2. /d/ sound

We pronounce **-ed** as /d/ when the verb ends in a vowel sound or these sounds: /b/ /g/ /l/ /m/ /n/ /r/ /v/ /z/

3. /ɪd/ sound

We pronounce **-ed** as /ɪd/ when the verb ends in /t/ or /d/

/-t/	/p/	Help	Helped
	/f/	Laugh	laughed
	/s/	Miss	Missed
	/k/	Work	worked
	/ʃ/	Fish	Fished
	/tʃ/	March	Marched
	/b/	Grab	Grabbed
	/g/	Hug	Hugged
	/v/	Save	Saved
	/z/	Please	Pleased
/-d/	/ʒ/	Massage	Massaged
	/dʒ/	Rage	Raged
	/m/	Resume	Resumed
	/n/	Sign	Signed
	/ŋ/	Bang	Banged
	/l/	Peel	Peeled
	/d/	Breathe	Breathed
	/r/	Honour	Honoured
	Vowels	Stay	Stayed
		Free	Freed
		Lie	Lied
		Ski	Skied
		Snow	Snowed
		Try	Tried
/-ɪd/	/d/	Add	Added
		Decide	Decided
	/t/	Exist	Existed
		Taste	Tasted

Exercise 1: Classify the verbs

Verbs: worked – played – wanted – cleaned – watched – loved – needed – helped – called

/t/: _____

/d/: _____

/ɪd/: _____

Exercise 2: Choose the correct pronunciation

1. watched → /t/ – /d/ – /ɪd/
2. cleaned → /t/ – /d/ – /ɪd/
3. needed → /t/ – /d/ – /ɪd/
4. played → /t/ – /d/ – /ɪd/
5. helped → /t/ – /d/ – /ɪd/

Exercise 3: Complete the sentences with ED ending

1. Yesterday, I _____ (work) at home.
2. She _____ (play) soccer after school.
3. We _____ (want) pizza for dinner.
4. He _____ (clean) his room.
5. They _____ (watch) a movie.