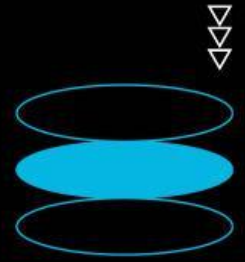


REGULAR PAST TENSE PRONUNCIATION: -ED ENDINGS

Mastering the three sounds of -ed



Introduction

Regular verbs in the past tense end with '-ed', but this ending is pronounced in three different ways. Understanding these rules will help you speak more clearly and understand spoken English better.

Here's a breakdown of the three pronunciation rules:

- **/t/ sound:** After voiceless consonants (p, k, f, s, sh, ch, x).
- **/d/ sound:** After voiced consonants (b, g, v, z, m, n, l, r) and vowels.
- **/ɪd/ sound:** After 't' and 'd' sounds.

Examples

Let's look at some examples to illustrate these rules:

- **/t/ sound:**
 - walked
 - helped
 - watched
 - laughed
 - missed
 - stopped
- **/d/ sound:**
 - played
 - lived
 - called
 - cleaned
 - opened
 - enjoyed
- **/ɪd/ sound:**
 - wanted
 - needed
 - waited
 - ended
 - decided

- started

Interactive Exercises

Exercise 1: Sort the Verbs

Categorize the following past tense verbs based on their pronunciation. Write each verb under the correct heading.

- kissed
- agreed
- heated
- jumped
- used
- landed
- washed
- buzzed
- stated
- solved
- fixed
- tasted
- learned
- pushed
- supplied

/t/ sound	/d/ sound	/ɪd/ sound
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Exercise 2: Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct pronunciation symbol (/t/, /d/, or /ɪd/).

- danced _____
- robbed _____
- hated _____
- allowed _____
- booked _____
- pointed _____

Exercise 3: Write Your Own Examples

Write two example verbs for each pronunciation type.

- /t/ sound: _____ , _____
- /d/ sound: _____ , _____
- /ɪd/ sound: _____ , _____

Exercise 4: Circle the Correct Pronunciation

Circle the correct pronunciation for each of the following verbs.

1. worked: /t/ /d/ /ɪd/
2. measured: /t/ /d/ /ɪd/
3. melted: /t/ /d/ /ɪd/
4. cheered: /t/ /d/ /ɪd/
5. hiked: /t/ /d/ /ɪd/

Practice Sentences

Underline the past tense verb in each sentence, and write the correct pronunciation (/t/, /d/, or /ɪd/) next to it.

1. She **walked** to the store. (____)
2. They **needed** help with their homework. (____)
3. He **played** the guitar. (____)
4. The movie **ended** late. (____)
5. The cat **jumped** on the table. (____)

Answer Key

Exercise 1: Sort the Verbs

/t/ sound	/d/ sound	/ɪd/ sound
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kissed	agreed	heated
jumped	used	landed
washed	buzzed	stated
fixed	solved	tasted
pushed	learned	supplied

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blanks

1. danced /t/
2. robbed /d/
3. hated /ɪd/
4. allowed /d/
5. booked /t/
6. pointed /ɪd/

Exercise 3: Write Your Own Examples

(Answers will vary)

Exercise 4: Circle the Correct Pronunciation

1. worked: /t/
2. measured: /d/
3. melted: /ɪd/
4. cheered: /d/
5. hiked: /t/

Practice Sentences

1. walked (/t/)
2. needed (/ɪd/)
3. played (/d/)
4. ended (/ɪd/)
5. jumped (/t/)