

2-6 REGULAR VERBS: PRONUNCIATION OF -ED ENDINGS

Final **-ed** has three different pronunciations: /t/, /d/, and /əd/.

(a) <i>looked</i> → look/t/ <i>clapped</i> → clap/t/ <i>missed</i> → miss/t/ <i>watched</i> → watch/t/ <i>finished</i> → finish/t/ <i>laughed</i> → laugh/t/	Final -ed is pronounced /t/ after voiceless sounds. Voiceless sounds are made by pushing air through your mouth; no sound comes from your throat. Examples of voiceless sounds: "k," "p," "s," "ch," "sh," "f."
(b) <i>smell</i> → smell/d/ <i>saved</i> → save/d/ <i>cleaned</i> → clean/d/ <i>robbed</i> → rob/d/ <i>played</i> → play/d/	Final -ed is pronounced /d/ after voiced sounds. Voiced sounds come from your throat. If you touch your neck when you make a voiced sound, you can feel your voice box vibrate. Examples of voiced sounds: "l," "v," "n," "b," and all vowel sounds.
(c) <i>decided</i> → decide/əd/ <i>needed</i> → need/əd/ <i>wanted</i> → want/əd/ <i>invited</i> → invite/əd/	Final -ed is pronounced /əd/ after "t" and "d" sounds. The sound /əd/ adds a whole syllable to a word. COMPARE: <i>looked</i> = one syllable → look/t/ <i>smelled</i> = one syllable → smell/d/ <i>needed</i> = two syllables → need/əd/ <i>wanted</i> = two syllables → want/əd/

□ EXERCISE 10. Pronunciation of -ED endings. (Chart 2-6)

Directions: Practice pronouncing the words. Write the pronunciation of the **-ed** ending after each word.

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| 1. talked <u>talk/t/</u> | 13. roamed _____ |
| 2. sobbed _____ | 14. kissed _____ |
| 3. graded _____ | 15. halted _____ |
| 4. asked _____ | 16. laughed _____ |
| 5. helped _____ | 17. dried _____ |
| 6. watched _____ | 18. believed _____ |
| 7. filled _____ | 19. judged _____ |
| 8. defended _____ | 20. counted _____ |
| 9. poured _____ | 21. added _____ |
| 10. waited _____ | 22. boxed _____ |
| 11. enjoyed _____ | 23. rested _____ |
| 12. loaded _____ | 24. pushed _____ |