

## Use of “-ed” for past tense of regular verbs

Ending sound of base verb	Base verb	Example with -ed	Pronounce -ed	Extra syllable?
/t/	accept	accepted	/id/	yes
/t/	act	acted	/id/	yes
/t/	admit	admitted	/id/	yes
/t/	anticipate	anticipated	/id/	yes
/t/	arrest	arrested	/id/	yes
/t/	chat	chatted	/id/	yes
/t/	cheat	cheated	/id/	yes
/t/	clot	clotted	/id/	yes
/t/	collect	collected	/id/	yes
/t/	comment	commented	/id/	yes
/t/	connect	connected	/id/	yes
/t/	contract	contracted	/id/	yes
/t/	count	counted	/id/	yes
/t/	date	dated	/id/	yes
/t/	entrust	entrusted	/id/	yes
/t/	excite	excited	/id/	yes
/t/	execute	executed	/id/	yes
/t/	exit	exited	/id/	yes
/t/	expect	expected	/id/	yes
/t/	export	exported	/id/	yes
/t/	hunt	hunted	/id/	yes
/t/	import	imported	/id/	yes
/t/	indicate	indicated	/id/	yes
/t/	interested	interested	/id/	yes
/t/	invite	invited	/id/	yes
/t/	omit	omitted	/id/	yes
/t/	paint	painted	/id/	yes
/t/	plant	planted	/id/	yes
/t/	point	pointed	/id/	yes
/t/	post	posted	/id/	yes
/t/	present	presented	/id/	yes
/t/	protect	protected	/id/	yes
/t/	repeat	repeated	/id/	yes
/t/	request	requested	/id/	yes
/t/	rest	rested	/id/	yes
/t/	rivet	riveted	/id/	yes
/t/	rotate	rotated	/id/	yes
/t/	select	selected	/id/	yes
/t/	start	started	/id/	yes
/t/	subtract	subtracted	/id/	yes
/t/	support	supported	/id/	yes
/t/	taste	tasted	/id/	yes
/t/	tempt	tempted	/id/	yes
/t/	tilt	tilted	/id/	yes
/t/	translate	translated	/id/	yes
/t/	vault	vaulted	/id/	yes
/t/	visit	visited	/id/	yes
/t/	wait	waited	/id/	yes
/t/	want	wanted	/id/	yes

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/d/	add	added	/id/	yes
/d/	afford	afforded	/id/	yes
/d/	aid	aided	/id/	yes
/d/	decide	decided	/id/	yes
/d/	demand	demanded	/id/	yes
/d/	divide	divided	/id/	yes
/d/	end	ended	/id/	yes
/d/	fade	faded	/id/	yes
/d/	gild	gilded	/id/	yes
/d/	guide	guided	/id/	yes
/d/	hand	handed	/id/	yes
/d/	heed	heeded	/id/	yes
/d/	include	included	/id/	yes
/d/	jade	jaded	/id/	yes
/d/	need	needed	/id/	yes
/d/	persuade	persuaded	/id/	yes
/d/	precede	preceded	/id/	yes
/d/	proceed	proceeded	/id/	yes
/d/	provide	provided	/id/	yes
/d/	recommend	recommended	/id/	yes
/d/	record	recorded	/id/	yes
/d/	reward	rewarded	/id/	yes
/d/	wound	wounded	/id/	yes

There are some exceptions to this rule to distinguish a verb from an adjective.

Here are two of them.

- eg. Blessed can be pronounced blest (verb) and blessedED (adjective).
- Learned can be pronounced lernd (verb) and lernED (adjective).

Ending sound of base verb	Base verb	Example with -ed	Pronounce -ed	Extra syllable?
/p/	drop	dropped	/t/	no
/p/	grasp	grasped	/t/	no
/p/	grip	gripped	/t/	no
/p/	help	helped	/t/	no
/p/	hope	hoped	/t/	no
/p/	loop	looped	/t/	no
/p/	mope	moped	/t/	no
/p/	seep	seeped	/t/	no
/p/	trap	trapped	/t/	no
/f/	laugh	laughed	/t/	no
/s/	collapse	collapsed	/t/	no
/s/	fax	faxed	/t/	no
/s/	focus	focused	/t/	no
/s/	glance	glanced	/t/	no
/s/	increase	increased	/t/	no
/s/	pass	passed	/t/	no
/s/	rehearse	rehearsed	/t/	no
/s/	relax	relaxed	/t/	no
/s/	resurface	resurfaced	/t/	no
/S/ (sh)	brush	brushed	/t/	no
/S/ (sh)	finish	finished	/t/	no
/S/ (sh)	push	pushed	/t/	no
/S/ (sh)	wash	washed	/t/	no
/tS/ (ch)	watch	watched	/t/	no
/k/	cook	cooked	/t/	no
/k/	fake	faked	/t/	no
/k/	like	liked	/t/	no
/k/	lock	locked	/t/	no
/k/	look	looked	/t/	no
/k/	look	looked	/t/	no
/k/	talk	talked	/t/	no
/k/	walk	walked	/t/	no
/k/	work	worked	/t/	no

Ending sound of base verb	Base verb	Example with -ed	Pronounce -ed	Extra syllable?
other	beg	begged	/d/	no
	believe	believed	/d/	no
	bore	bored	/d/	no
	call	called	/d/	no
	change	changed	/d/	no
	charm	charmed	/d/	no
	clean	cleaned	/d/	no
	close	closed	/d/	no
	comb	combed	/d/	no
	copy	copied	/d/	no
	dream	dreamed	/d/	no
	imagine	imagined	/d/	no
	iron	ironed	/d/	no
	learn	learned	/d/	no
	listen	listened	/d/	no
	live	lived	/d/	no
	love	loved	/d/	no
	mourn	mourned	/d/	no
	move	moved	/d/	no
	open	opened	/d/	no
	order	ordered	/d/	no
	pay	payed	/d/	no
	plan	planned	/d/	no
	play	played	/d/	no
	repair	repaired	/d/	no
	rub	rubbed	/d/	no
	smile	smiled	/d/	no
	sow	sowed	/d/	no
	study	studied	/d/	no
	tire	tired	/d/	no
	listen	listened	/d/	no
	renown	renowned	/d/	no
	stagger	staggered	/d/	no
	crawl	crawled	/d/	no
	scan	scanned	/d/	no
	seal	sealed	/d/	no
	star	stared	/d/	no
	aim	aimed	/d/	no
	level	leveled	/d/	no
	realize	realized	/d/	no
	roll	rolled	/d/	no
	frame	framed	/d/	no
	picture	pictured	/d/	no
	summon	summoned	/d/	no
	fumble	fumbled	/d/	no
crumple	crumpled	/d/	no	

## Exercise 1 (pronouncing "ed" endings)

Directions: Pronounce the following "ed" endings. Write (T) for a "t" sound, (ID) for an "id" sound, and (D) for a "d" sound.

Example:

We wrapped the Christmas presents last night.   T  

I laughed at the joke. \_\_\_\_\_

Our work is finished. \_\_\_\_\_

The snake killed the mouse. \_\_\_\_\_

The teacher helped the student. \_\_\_\_\_

When I was younger, I wanted to walk on the moon. \_\_\_\_\_

We hiked to the top of the mountain. \_\_\_\_\_

James rented his apartment. \_\_\_\_\_

We can't go swimming because the pool is covered. \_\_\_\_\_

That old house is haunted. \_\_\_\_\_

We hunted for her keys, but could not find them. \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 2 (pronouncing "ed" endings)

Directions: Read the following passage using the correct pronunciation for "ed" endings. Write (T) for a "t" sound, (ID) for an "id" sound, and (D) for a "d" sound in the space provided.

The bear jumped ( ) out of its cage and into the crowd. She must have realized ( ) that this was her best chance to escape. The bear's trainer looked ( ) as though he were about to faint from the terror of it all; it seemed ( ) like his worst nightmare come true. He scrambled ( ) to his feet and started ( ) waving his hands and shouting to get the bear's attention. She stopped ( ) her wild rampage only for a moment at the sound of her trainer's pleas. She quickly turned ( ) back to the crowd and resumed ( ) knocking people to the floor. The trainer suddenly had an idea. He reached ( ) into his pocket and pulled ( ) from it a large chocolate covered ( ) treat – a known favorite of the bear. He shouted ( ) the bear's name once more and she turned ( ) to face him. She saw the treat and ran in full gallop towards him. He threw the treat into the cage and the bear followed ( ). He locked ( ) the door behind her and fell to the floor in relief. Apparently, the bear valued ( ) food more than freedom.

Challenge: Draw a box around the irregular verbs in the passage above (verbs that should end in "ed" but do not because they do not follow the "ed" endings rules).

## Spelling of "-ed" for regular past tense

A regular verb forms its past tense and past participle by adding -d or -ed to the verb base. Sometimes the last consonant is doubled when adding -ed. If the last letter is "y", preceded by a consonant, it is changed to "i".

- consonant + -e: add "d"

smile -> smiled

imagine -> imagined

- one vowel, one consonant: double the consonant,  
add -ed

stop -> stopped

drop -> dropped

exceptions (do not double w, x, y): snowed, fixed

- consonant, "y": change "y" to "i", add -ed

study -> studied

- other: add -ed

look -> looked

thank -> thanked

rain -> rained