

# Pronunciation Rules: Regular Past Verbs

## Reference

#	Rule	Examples
1	If the verb ends with the voiceless (soft) sounds <b>f, k, p, s, ʃ, tʃ,</b> or <b>θ</b> , pronounce the <i>-ed</i> ending as <b>t</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bluffed</li> <li>• looked</li> <li>• stopped</li> <li>• passed</li> <li>• washed</li> <li>• watched</li> <li>• frothed</li> </ul>
2	If the verb ends with the voiced (loud) sounds <b>b, dʒ, ʒ, g, l, m, n, ŋ, ð, r, v, w, z,</b> or any <b>vowel sound</b> , pronounce the <i>-ed</i> ending as <b>d</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grabbed</li> <li>• judged</li> <li>• massaged</li> <li>• hugged</li> <li>• called</li> <li>• trimmed</li> <li>• planned</li> <li>• belonged</li> <li>• bathed</li> <li>• covered</li> <li>• waved</li> <li>• mowed</li> <li>• sneezed</li> <li>• carried</li> </ul>
3	If the verb ends with the sounds <b>t</b> or <b>d</b> , pronounce the <i>-ed</i> ending as <b>ɪd</b> (as a separate syllable).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wanted</li> <li>• needed</li> </ul>

## Pronunciation Practice

Listen to the recording and repeat the following words.

### Rule 1: *-ed* as /t/

Say /t/ when the *-ed* ending follows a voiceless sound.

1. looked
2. stopped
3. watched
4. finished
5. danced

### Rule 2: *-ed* as /d/

Say /d/ when the *-ed* ending follows a voiced sound.

1. listened
2. preferred
3. cried
4. smiled
5. studied

### Rule 3: *-ed* as /ɪd/

Say /ɪd/ when the *-ed* ending follows a /t/ or /d/ sound.

1. wanted
2. needed
3. visited
4. shouted
5. ended