

## THREE WAYS TO PRONOUNCE "ED"

**When "-ed" is part of the past tense of a regular verb, it can be pronounced as /ɪd/, /t/ or /d/ depending on the final sound of the root of the verb.**

Wash /wɒʃ/ + ed = washed /wɒʃt/  
Clean /kli:n/ + ed = cleaned /kli:nd/  
visit /vɪzɪt/ + ed = visited /vɪzɪtɪd/

### Rules for the pronunciation of regular verbs in the past.

a. When the regular verb ends in a **vowel sound** or **voiced consonant sound** the -ed ending is pronounced **/d/**.

Love /lʌv/ + ed = loved **/lʌvd/**

#### Voiced consonant sounds

/g/ "g, gg" hug    /ʒ/ "g" massage    /m/ "m" calm    /ŋ/ "ng" bang  
/b/ "b, bb" grab    /l/ "l, ll" peel    /n/ "n" listen, plan    /r/ "r, rr" remember  
/v/ "v" save    /z/ "s, z" realize

b. When the regular verb ends in an **unvoiced consonant sound** the -ed ending is pronounced **/t/**.

Finish /fɪnɪʃ/ + ed = finished **/fɪnɪʃt/**

#### Unvoiced consonant sounds

/p/ "p" stop    /θ/ th    /s/ "s,ss,ce,x" dance, mix, pass  
/k/ "k,c" park    /f/ "f,ph,gh" laugh    /ʃ/ "sh" finish    /tʃ/ "ch,tch" watch

c. The -ed ending is pronounced **/ɪd/** when the verb ends in the consonant sounds /t/ and /d/.

Start /stɑ:t/ + ed = started **/stɑ: tɪd/**

