

Pronunciation of “ed”

The suffix -ed can make three different sounds. Here are the three rules that you need to know in order to pronounce -ed correctly every time!

**RULE
#1**

If the base form of the verb ends in a **/t/ or /d/ sound**, then “ed” is pronounced **/ɪd/**.

/ɪd/

Examples:

decided, wanted, painted, ended, and started

**RULE
#2**

If the base form of the verb ends in **an unvoiced sound**, then “ed” is pronounced **/t/**.

/t/

Examples:

worked, asked, mixed, ended, and passed

**RULE
#3**

If the base form of the verb ends in **a voiced sound**, then “ed” is pronounced **/d/**.

/d/

Examples:

played, called, enjoyed, loved, and cleaned

Your vocal chords vibrate when you produce a **voiced sound**.

Your vocal chords do not vibrate when you produce an **unvoiced sound**.