

## REGULAR PAST TENSES

### Group A

Voiceless sound: – p – k – s – ch – sh – f – x – h - pronounce ED as “T”

Example: Ask, asked = ask(T)

### Ed as “T”

asked  
baked  
brushed  
cooked  
cracked  
crashed  
danced (da:ns) + t  
dressed  
dropped  
escaped  
finished  
fixed  
guessed  
helped  
hoped  
hiked  
joked  
jumped  
knocked  
kissed  
laughed (læf) + t  
locked  
looked  
missed  
mixed  
packed  
passed  
picked  
pressed  
pushed  
pronounced  
relaxed  
slipped  
smoked  
stopped  
shopped  
talked  
typed  
walked  
washed

watched  
worked

**Group C:** T or D pronounce ED as “ID”

**Example:** Need, needed = need(id)

**Ed as “ID”**

accepted  
afforded  
attended  
arrested  
collected  
contacted  
counted  
decided  
defended  
demanded  
divided  
ended  
expanded  
expected  
exported  
flooded  
graduated  
hated  
hunted  
included  
invited  
invented  
landed  
needed  
painted  
planted  
printed  
presented  
pretended  
protected  
provided  
rented  
repeated  
reported  
respected  
rested  
scolded  
skated  
started  
shouted  
treated

visited  
waited  
wanted

### **Group B**

Voiced sound : - l - v - n - m - r - b - v - g - w - y - z - and vowel sounds  
(diphthongs) pronounce ED as "D"

**Example:** Allow, allowed = allow(D)

### **Ed as "D"**

advised (ad'vaiz) + d

agreed  
allowed  
answered  
appeared  
arrived  
believed  
belonged  
burned  
called  
carried  
changed  
cleaned  
closed  
covered  
cried  
damaged  
described  
died  
dried  
earned  
encouraged  
enjoyed  
entered  
explained  
explored  
filled  
followed  
happened  
interviewed  
imagined  
jailed  
killed  
listened  
lived  
loved  
measured

moved  
opened  
planned  
played  
performed  
pulled  
realized  
remembered  
rained  
repaired  
saved  
shared  
shaved  
showed  
signed  
slammed  
stayed  
snowed  
studied  
tried  
traveled  
turned  
used  
welcomed  
whispered  
worried  
yawned

## **Pronunciation of the ending -ed in the Simple Past**

In the Simple Past we add -ed to regular verbs. Be careful pronouncing the verbs:

1) verbs ending in -ed preceded by a voiceless consonant [p, k, f, ʃ, tʃ, s, θ]  
-> speak [t].

The -e is silent. Example: I stop - I stopped [stɒpt]

2) verbs ending in -ed preceded by a voiced consonant [b, g, v, ʒ, ʒ, z, ð, l, m, n] or a vowel  
-> speak [d].

The -e is silent. Example: I clean - I cleaned [kli:nd]

3) verbs ending in -ed preceded by [t] or [d]  
-> speak [ɪd].

The -e changes to [ɪ]. Example: I visit - I visited [vɪzɪtɪd]

## The Pronunciation of Regular Verbs in the Past Exercise at Auto-English

- 1 Place the verbs in the box into the correct columns below. There are ten answers for each column.

|            |          |          |          |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| allowed    | flooded  | mixed    | visited  |
| asked      | guessed  | pasted   | wasted   |
| cracked    | included | relaxed  | washed   |
| cried      | jailed   | repeated | watched  |
| damaged    | killed   | shaved   | welcomed |
| decided    | landed   | slipped  | yawned   |
| encouraged | loved    | stopped  |          |
| ended      | missed   | tasted   |          |

1 - / d /

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_

2 - / t /

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_

3 - / id /

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Complete the rules for the pronunciation of regular verbs in the past.

- i. When the regular verb ends in a vowel sound or voiced consonant sound (B, G, L, M, N, V, Y and Z), the -ed ending is pronounced / \_\_\_\_ /.
- ii. When the regular verb ends in an unvoiced consonant sound (K, F, P, -SH, -TCH or X), the -ed ending is pronounced / \_\_\_\_ /.
- iii. The -ed ending is pronounced /id/ when the verb ends in the consonant sounds \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.