

# English Pronunciation: Past Tense -ed Sounds

## Level A2 · Lesson 2

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### Language Focus: Three Sounds for -ed

We add **-ed** to regular verbs to make the past tense. Like the -s/-es ending, this is **not always pronounced the same way** — there are three different sounds.

| Sound | When we use it                                           | Examples               |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| /t/   | After quiet sounds: p, k, s, sh, ch, f, x                | jumped, brushed, fixed |
| /d/   | After most other sounds (b, g, l, m, n, r, v, z, vowels) | played, saved, showed  |
| /ɪd/  | After t or d sounds — adds an extra syllable             | painted, ended, rented |

**Tip:** If the base verb already ends in a "t" or "d" sound (paint, end, rent, attend), English adds a whole extra syllable: "end" (1 syllable) → "ended" (2 syllables).

Remember: this rule is about **sound**, not spelling. "Touch" ends in the sound /ch/ (quiet), so "touched" = /t/. "Save" ends in the sound /v/ (voiced), so "saved" = /d/.

### Exercise 1: True or False (8 points)

1. "jumped" ends with the /t/ sound. True / False
2. "climbed" ends with the /t/ sound. True / False
3. "painted" has an extra syllable. True / False
4. "turned" ends with the /id/ sound. True / False
5. "brushed" ends with the /d/ sound. True / False
6. "packed" ends with the /t/ sound. True / False
7. "ended" has an extra syllable. True / False
8. "saved" ends with the /t/ sound. True / False

### Exercise 2: Multiple Choice (8 points)

Circle the correct sound for the -ed ending in each word.

1. **jumped** a) /d/ b) /t/ c) /id/
2. **turned** a) /t/ b) /id/ c) /d/
3. **painted** a) /id/ b) /t/ c) /d/
4. **brushed** a) /d/ b) /t/ c) /id/
5. **climbed** a) /id/ b) /d/ c) /t/
6. **ended** a) /t/ b) /d/ c) /id/
7. **missed** a) /d/ b) /id/ c) /t/
8. **showed** a) /t/ b) /id/ c) /d/

### Exercise 3: Matching (9 points)

Say each word aloud. Write **a**, **b**, or **c** next to each word to show its sound.

**a)** /t/    **b)** /d/    **c)** /id/ (extra syllable)

| Word         | Sound (a, b, or c) |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 1. cooked    | _____              |
| 2. pulled    | _____              |
| 3. invited   | _____              |
| 4. fixed     | _____              |
| 5. stirred   | _____              |
| 6. rented    | _____              |
| 7. touched   | _____              |
| 8. closed    | _____              |
| 9. collected | _____              |

**Exercise 4: Word Sort (12 points)**

Write each word in the correct box: asked, packed, kicked, coughed, robbed, begged, tried, studied, landed, expected, attended, planted.

| /t/ | /d/ | /id/ |
|-----|-----|------|
|     |     |      |

### Exercise 5: Gap Fill (8 points)

Write /t/, /d/, or /id/ to show the sound the ending makes.

1. "cook" + -ed → \_\_\_\_\_ sound

2. "save" + -ed → \_\_\_\_\_ sound

3. "paint" + -ed → \_\_\_\_\_ sound

4. "touch" + -ed → \_\_\_\_\_ sound

5. "attend" + -ed → \_\_\_\_\_ sound

6. "climb" + -ed → \_\_\_\_\_ sound

7. "brush" + -ed → \_\_\_\_\_ sound

8. "turn" + -ed → \_\_\_\_\_ sound

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### Exercise 1: True or False — Answers

1. "jumped" ends with the /t/ sound. — **True**
2. "climbed" ends with the /t/ sound. — **False**
3. "painted" has an extra syllable. — **True**
4. "turned" ends with the /id/ sound. — **False**
5. "brushed" ends with the /d/ sound. — **False**
6. "packed" ends with the /t/ sound. — **True**
7. "ended" has an extra syllable. — **True**
8. "saved" ends with the /t/ sound. — **False**

### Exercise 2: Multiple Choice — Answers

1. **jumped** — correct answer: **b) /t/**
2. **turned** — correct answer: **c) /d/**
3. **painted** — correct answer: **a) /id/**
4. **brushed** — correct answer: **b) /t/**
5. **climbed** — correct answer: **b) /d/**
6. **ended** — correct answer: **c) /id/**
7. **missed** — correct answer: **c) /t/**
8. **showed** — correct answer: **c) /d/**

### Exercise 3: Matching — Answers

- cooked — **a) /t/**
- fixed — **a) /t/**
- touched — **a) /t/**
- pulled — **b) /d/**
- stirred — **b) /d/**

closed — **b) /d/**

invited — **c) /id/ (extra syllable)**

rented — **c) /id/ (extra syllable)**

collected — **c) /id/ (extra syllable)**

### **Exercise 4: Word Sort — Answers**

**/t/:** asked, packed, kicked, coughed

**/d/:** robbed, begged, tried, studied

**/id/ (extra syllable):** landed, expected, attended, planted

### **Exercise 5: Gap Fill — Answers**

1. cook — **/t/**

2. save — **/d/**

3. paint — **/id/ (extra syllable)**

4. touch — **/t/**

5. attend — **/id/ (extra syllable)**

6. climb — **/d/**

7. brush — **/t/**

8. turn — **/d/**