



## English Pronunciation Simple past of regular verbs and their final *-ed* sound

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There are three ways to pronounce the final *-ed* of regular verbs in the [simple past tense](#). This pronunciation is determined by the final sound of the verb in the infinitive: Is it a voiced consonant, an unvoiced consonant, or a vowel sound?

After unvoiced sounds such as **p**, **k**, **f**, **s**, **ʃ**, and **tʃ** the final *-ed* is pronounced like *t* as in the word **cat**. Note that the *-e* remains silent.

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<b>IPA</b> <b>*</b>	<b>infinitive</b>	<b>past tense</b>
<b>p</b>	<a href="#">help</a>	<a href="#">helped</a>
	<a href="#">stuff</a>	<a href="#">stuffed</a>
<b>f</b>	<a href="#">laugh</a>	<a href="#">laughed</a>
	<a href="#">miss</a>	<a href="#">missed</a>
<b>s</b>	<a href="#">dice</a>	<a href="#">diced</a>
	<a href="#">fix</a>	<a href="#">fixed</a>
<b>k</b>	<a href="#">look</a>	<a href="#">looked</a>
<b>ʃ</b>	<a href="#">fish</a>	<a href="#">fished</a>
<b>tʃ</b>	<a href="#">march</a>	<a href="#">marched</a>

After voiced sounds such as **b**, **ð**, **g**, **v**, **z**, **ʒ**, **dʒ**, **m**, **n**, **ŋ**, **l**, and **r** the final *-ed* sound is pronounced like *d* as in **good**. Note that the *-e* remains silent.

<b>IPA</b> <b>A</b>	<b>infinitive</b>	<b>past tense</b>
<b>b</b>	<a href="#">grab</a>	<a href="#">grabbed</a>
<b>g</b>	<a href="#">hug</a>	<a href="#">hugged</a>
<b>v</b>	<a href="#">save</a>	<a href="#">saved</a>
<b>z</b>	<a href="#">ooze</a>	<a href="#">oozed</a>
	<a href="#">please</a>	<a href="#">pleased</a>
<b>ʒ</b>	<a href="#">massage</a>	<a href="#">massaged</a>
<b>dʒ</b>	<a href="#">rage</a>	<a href="#">raged</a>
<b>m</b>	<a href="#">resume</a>	<a href="#">resumed</a>
<b>n</b>	<a href="#">sign</a>	<a href="#">signed</a>

<b>ŋ</b>	<u>bang</u>	<u>banged</u>
<b>l</b>	<u>peel</u>	<u>peeled</u>
<b>r</b>	<u>honor</u>	<u>honored</u>
<b>ð</b>	<u>breathe</u>	<u>breathed</u>

The final *-ed* is also pronounced like the *d* in *good* after all vowel sounds. Note that the *-e* remains silent.

**infinitive      simple**

	<b><u>past</u></b>
<u>stay</u>	<u>stayed</u>
<u>free</u>	<u>freed</u>
<u>lie</u>	<u>lied</u>
<u>hoe</u>	<u>hoed</u>
<u>sue</u>	<u>sued</u>
<u>ski</u>	<u>skied</u>
<u>snow</u>	<u>snowed</u>
<u>try</u>	<u>tried</u>

For verbs ending in *d* and *t* the final *-ed* is pronounced **ɪd** as in the final two letters of the word

**infinitive      past  
                         tense**

***did.***

<u>add</u>	<u>added</u>
<u>grade</u>	<u>graded</u>
<u>decide</u>	<u>decided</u>
<u>exit</u>	<u>exited</u>
<u>taste</u>	<u>tasted</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>objected</u>

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