

ED Pronunciation

These rules apply to all words that end in ED. Typically, this is for regular past simple verbs, the regular past participle and for adjectives. In order to identify the pronunciation of the final ED, you must look at the penultimate sound in the word.

There are three ways to pronounce an ED ending and these are /t/, /d/ and /id/.

/d/	/t/	/id/
If the penultimate sound is voiced	If the penultimate sound is unvoiced	If the penultimate sound is /t/ or /d/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • /b/ grabbed • /g/ hugged • /n/ owned • /m/ hummed • /j/ played • /ŋ/ belonged • /r/ roared • /v/ saved • /w/ bowed • /l/ pulled • /ð/ loathed • /z/ buzzes • /dʒ/ judged • /ʒ/ massaged <p>VOWELS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • /p/ jumped • /k/ kicked • /f/ puffed • /θ/ frothed • /tʃ/ watched • /s/ missed • /ʃ/ washed <p>/h/ There are no examples as an H would be silent as a final letter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • /t/ waited • /d/ needed

EXAMPLES

The bee buzzed.

The penultimate sound in buzzed is /z/.
/z/ is a voiced sound so after /z/ the ED is pronounced /d/.