

The past participle is used to form perfect tenses, as an adjective, in participial phrases and in the passive form.

PAST PARTICIPLE

- The normal rule is to add ED to the end of the infinitive verb: **talk → talked**
- If a verb ends in the pattern consonant, vowel, consonant, you must double the final consonant: **stop → stopped**
 - Unless the last consonant is W or X then this follows the normal rule and only adds ED: **follow → followed, relax → relaxed**
- If the verb ends in the pattern consonant, vowel, consonant, but the stress of the verb is on the first syllable, this also follows the normal rule and only adds ED: **visit → visiting**
- If the final letter of the verb is E, you must eliminate the E before adding ED: **dance → danced**
- If the final letter of the verb is C, you must add an extra K before adding ED: **picnic → picnicked**
- If the final letter of the verb is Y, there are two possible endings;
 - If the final letters are consonant + Y, you must eliminate the Y and add IED: **study → studied**
 - If the final letters are vowel + Y, you must add ED only: **play → played**

There are also numerous irregular verbs to learn.
E.g. know → known

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/.