

## Group A: Voiceless Last Sound of the Infinitive

If the infinitive of the verb has a voiceless sound at the end of it, such as p, k, s, ch, sh, f, x, or h, you pronounce the "ed" ending as a "T." (Note the pronunciation in parentheses. It's the sound that determines the group that a word belongs to, not always the written letter. For example, even though *dance* ends with a *-ce*, its sound is that of an s, so it's in this voiceless group.)

Example: Ask, asked = ask(T)

"-ed" as "T"

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• asked</li><li>• baked</li><li>• brushed</li><li>• cooked</li><li>• cracked</li><li>• crashed</li><li>• danced (da:ns) + t</li><li>• dressed</li><li>• dropped</li><li>• escaped</li><li>• finished</li><li>• fixed</li><li>• pressed</li><li>• pronounced</li><li>• pushed</li><li>• relaxed</li><li>• shopped</li><li>• slipped</li><li>• smoked</li><li>• stopped</li><li>• talked</li><li>• typed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• guessed</li><li>• helped</li><li>• hiked</li><li>• hoped</li><li>• joked</li><li>• jumped</li><li>• kissed</li><li>• knocked</li><li>• laughed (læf) + t</li><li>• locked</li><li>• looked</li><li>• missed</li><li>• mixed</li><li>• packed</li><li>• passed</li><li>• picked</li><li>• walked</li><li>• washed</li><li>• watched</li><li>• worked</li></ul>
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## Group B: Voiced Last Sound of the Infinitive

If the last sound in the verb is a voiced one, such as in l, v, n, m, r, b, v, g, w, y, z, and vowel sounds, or diphthongs, then pronounce the "-ed" ending as "D." (Note the pronunciation in parentheses. The sound determines the group that a word belongs to, not always the written letter. For example, even though *advise* ends

with an -se, its sound is that of the voiced z sound, keeping that word in this "voiced sound" group.)

Example: Allow, allowed = allow(D)

"-ed" as "D"

advised (ad'vaiz) + d	imagined
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• agreed</li><li>• allowed</li><li>• answered</li><li>• appeared</li><li>• arrived</li><li>• believed</li><li>• belonged</li><li>• burned</li><li>• called</li><li>• carried</li><li>• changed</li><li>• cleaned</li><li>• closed</li><li>• covered</li><li>• cried</li><li>• damaged</li><li>• described</li><li>• died</li><li>• dried</li><li>• earned</li><li>• encouraged</li><li>• enjoyed</li><li>• entered</li><li>• explained</li><li>• explored</li><li>• filled</li><li>• followed</li><li>• happened</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• interviewed</li><li>• jailed</li><li>• killed</li><li>• listened</li><li>• lived</li><li>• loved</li><li>• measured</li><li>• moved</li><li>• opened</li><li>• planned</li><li>• played</li><li>• performed</li><li>• pulled</li><li>• rained</li><li>• realized</li><li>• remembered</li><li>• repaired</li><li>• shaved</li><li>• slammed</li><li>• stayed</li><li>• snowed</li><li>• studied</li><li>• traveled</li><li>• tried</li><li>• turned</li><li>• used</li><li>• welcomed</li><li>• whispered</li><li>• worried</li><li>• yawned</li></ul>

## Group C: T or D as the Last Sound of the Infinitive

If the last sound in the infinitive verb is a t or d, pronounce the "-ed" ending as "ID."

Example: Need, needed = need(id)

"-ed" as "ID"

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• accepted</li><li>• afforded</li><li>• arrested</li><li>• attended</li><li>• collected</li><li>• contacted</li><li>• counted</li><li>• decided</li><li>• defended</li><li>• demanded</li><li>• divided</li><li>• ended</li><li>• expanded</li><li>• expected</li><li>• exported</li><li>• flooded</li><li>• graduated</li><li>• hated</li><li>• hunted</li><li>• included</li><li>• invented</li><li>• invited</li><li>• landed</li><li>• needed</li><li>• painted</li><li>• planted</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• presented</li><li>• pretended</li><li>• printed</li><li>• protected</li><li>• provided</li><li>• rented</li><li>• repeated</li><li>• reported</li><li>• respected</li><li>• rested</li><li>• scolded</li><li>• shouted</li><li>• skated</li><li>• started</li><li>• treated</li><li>• visited</li><li>• waited</li><li>• wanted</li><li>• wasted</li></ul>
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The past simple form is often confused with the present perfect. Review present perfect versus past simple to help you test your understanding of when to use the present perfect or past simple tense.

