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English Course

***Ed Endings / Final S
Pronunciation***

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Pronunciation of *ED* Ending

We pronounce the final *ed* in three ways: /t/ - /d/ - /id/

Watch the video in the next slide to know the rule

-ed ending:

[t], [d] or [ɪd]

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The Rule

voiceless + ed → **/t/**

voiced + ed → **/d/**

t / d + ed → **/id/**

s



Voiceless Sounds (no vibration): /p/ - /k/ - /f/ - /s/ - /θ/ (th) - /ʃ/ (sh) - /tʃ/ (ch)

Voiced Sounds (vibration): /b/ - /g/ - /l/ - /m/ - /n/ - /r/ - /v/ - /z/ - /ð/ (th) - /ʒ/ - /dʒ/

Pronunciation of ED

/id/

T wanted
D needed

*** Voiced Sound**
= uses the vocal
cords and they
produce a vibration
or humming sound
in the throat.

(Touch your throat to feel it)

/t/

P helped
K looked
F sniffed
GH laughed
SH washed
CH watched
SS kissed
C danced
X fixed

VOICELESS

/d/

L called
N cleaned
R offered
G damaged
V loved
S used
Z amazed
B rubbed
M claimed

VOICED *

Words that end in a vowel sound use the **/d/** pronunciation for ED.
e.g. -- followed -- enjoyed -- played -- tried -- continued



The pronunciation
of words ending in
ED depends on the
final **consonant**
sound. There are
three ways to
pronounce ED at
the end of a word
in English:

/id/ /t/ /d/

Exercise: Classify the words according to their pronunciation

asked - wanted - moved - watched - helped - kissed - ended - played - missed - offered - claimed

/t/	/d/	/id/
asked missed watched helped kissed	moved played offered claimed	ended wanted



Pronunciation of Final S

We pronounce the final S in three ways: /s/ - /z/ - /iz/

Watch the video in the next slide to know the rule

3 sounds of the plural "s"

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The Rule

voiceless + s → **/s/**

/p/ - /t/ - /k/ - /f/

voiced + s → **/z/**

/b/ - /d/ /g/ - /l/ - /m/ - /n/ - /r/ - /v/ - /w/

/ʃ/ (sh) - /tʃ/ (ch) - /dʒ/ - /s/ - /z/ + **s** → **/ɪz/**

Pronunciation of S

Plural Nouns - Verbs in Third Person



The pronunciation of words ending in S depends on the final consonant (sound). There are three ways to pronounce the S:

/ɪz/ SIBILANT

C	races
S	buses
X	boxes
Z	prizes
SS	kisses
CH	watches
SH	dishes
GE	changes

Sibilant Sound
a hissing or
buzzing sound

/s/ VOICELESS

P	sleeps
K	books
T	hats
F	cliff
PH	graphs
TH	myths

Voiced Sound
uses the vocal cords
and it produces a
vibration or humming
sound in the throat

/z/ VOICED

B	crabs
D	words
G	bags
L	deals
M	dreams
N	fans
NG	sings
R	wears
V	gloves
Y	plays

Exercise: Classify the words according to their pronunciation

jars- bags- graphs- prizes-friends - books- labs- kisses- dishes- laps-
things- gloves- buses- fans- watches

/s/	/z/	/iz/



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