

The pronunciation of 'ed' endings of regular verbs

There are 3 different pronunciations of the 'ed' endings of regular verbs in the past and past participle forms: /d/, /t/ and /id/.

i.e.

- **play** becomes **played** and is pronounced **play/d/**
- **watch** becomes **watched** and is pronounced **watch/t/**
- **end** becomes **ended** and is pronounced **end/id/**

NB. The pronunciation of 'ed' is never /ed/!

Here are some more examples:

/d/

'soft' un-mouthed sounds

played
pulled
loved
answered
turned
died
repaired
married
cleaned
saved
enjoyed

/t/

'hard' mouthed sounds
(i.e. k, sh, p, ss, f, ch, x)

watched
pushed
cramped
liked
stopped
laughed
missed
fixed
finished
walked
worked

/id/

words ending in t & d sounds

ended
hated
shouted
wanted
mended
posted
sounded
melted
needed
dedicated
decided