

Pronunciation of "ed"

One of the most common endings for a word in English is "ed." Regular verbs in the past tense end in "ed"

E.g. *He stopped smoking last year.*

In addition to this, many adjectives that describe how a person feels end in "ed"

E.g. *I am tired because I work too much.*

However, "ed" has 3 different pronunciations. The first two pronunciations are very similar, and mixing them up is not a serious mistake. In the word "stopped", the letters "ed" are pronounced as a very small "t" sound. The pronunciation is "stop-t." In the word "tired", the letters "ed" are pronounced as a very small "d" sound. The pronunciation is "tire-d."



1. Practice your pronunciation by reading the sentences below.

- a) He jumped (t) over the bush.
- b) She pulled (d) the door closed (d).
- c) I'm surprised (d) that you have such a big apartment!
- d) They laughed (t) at my new haircut.
- e) I'm very confused (d) could you help me please?
- f) She smiled (d) at me yesterday, I'm sure she likes me!

"Jump-t"
"Pull-d"

The third pronunciation of "ed" is quite different. When words end in a "t" or a "d" sound (for example "want" or "decide") the ed is pronounced "id." The word "wanted" is pronounced "want-id".



2. Practice your pronunciation by reading the sentences below.

- a) The helicopter landed on the grass.
- b) He decided to leave the party.
- c) The ice slowly melted in the sun.
- d) The football match ended early because of the rain.
- e) I am disgusted by mushrooms, I hate them!
- f) We waited all day, but the workers never came.

"Land-id"



3. Put the words in the box in the correct category below

stressed loved rested created wished acted
 destroyed turned invented banged accepted learned
 looked rented matched failed lifted succeeded

“-d” or “-t” sound	“-id” sound
<p><i>stress</i> <i>love</i> <i>wish</i> <i>destroy</i> <i>turn</i> <i>bang</i> <i>learn</i> <i>look</i> <i>match</i> <i>fail</i></p>	<p><i>rest</i> <i>create</i> <i>act</i> <i>invent</i> <i>accept</i> <i>rent</i> <i>succeed</i> <i>lift</i></p>



4. Pairwork: ask and answer the questions with your partner.

- a) What is a movie that you loved as a kid?
- b) What is a food that you hated as a kid?
- c) Did you ever fail a subject in school?
- d) When do you feel stressed?
- e) When was the last time you waited for a long time?
- f) When was the last time you laughed really hard?
- g) What is something that was invented in your country?