

Rules for pronouncing regular verbs in the past tense that end in “-ed”.

1. Verbs in the base form ending in **an unvoiced sound** (e.g. “s”, “ch”, “sh”) should be pronounced with a /t/ sound.

e.g. passed = **pass't**
watched = **watch't**
washed = **wash't**

2. Verbs in the base form ending in **a voiced sound** (e.g. “v”, “r”, “z”) should be pronounced with a /d/ sound.

e.g. loved = **lov'd**
remembered = **remember'd**
amazed = **amaz'd**

3. Verbs in the base form **ending in “t” or “d”** should be pronounced with an /id/ sound.

e.g. waited = **waitid**
hated = **hatid**
depended = **depended**

NB the base form can sometimes end in a silent “e” (e.g. hate) but this is not important.