## BBC LEARNING ENGLISH English In A Minute 3 ways to pronounce '-ed'

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Did you know these two letters can be pronounced in three different ways?
They can be /d/, /t/ or /id/. Here's how to find out which.
First, feel your neck. If a sound makes it vibrate like /d/, then it's voiced. If it doesn't like /t/, then it isn't.

Where 'ed' comes after a vowel or a voiced consonant then pronounce it as /d/ which is a voiced sound.

## Played, used.

If you have 'ed' after an unvoiced sound, then it sounds like /t/.
An unvoiced sound. Looked, helped.
If you have $\mathbf{t}$ or $\mathbf{d}$ then 'ed' becomes /id/ -it's just easier to say.

## Wanted, needed.

So, if 'ed' comes after a voiced sound, then it's voiced.
If it comes after an unvoiced sound, then it's unvoiced and if it comes after /t/ or /d/, then it's /id/.

