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A2 PRONUNCIATION ≈ 27 MIN

-ed Endings — *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now lock in the three -ed sounds step by step. New examples, same sound rule.

The last	**sound**	decides, not the last letter: voiceless → /t/ · voiced → /d/ · after /t/ or /d/ →	**extra syllable /ɪd/**

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BRICK 1 · SORT BY SYLLABLE COUNT · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Say each verb quietly. Sort it by whether -ed forms an **extra syllable /ɪd/** or adds no extra syllable. The last sound of the base verb decides.

rated · checked · signed · negotiated · updated · managed · shipped · recorded · reviewed · uploaded

EXTRA SYLLABLE /ID/	NO EXTRA SYLLABLE

BRICK 2 · BUILD THE -ED FORM · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Put the verb in brackets into the correct **-ed form**. Then say the full sentence aloud and check the final sound.

01 Yesterday, I _____ (check) the figures on the invoice before approving it.

02 The warehouse _____ (ship) the order to our customer on Monday.

03 Our office _____ (fax) the contract to the supplier before noon.

04 She _____ (review) the proposal before the call.

05 The IT team _____ (install) the new software on every laptop.

06 He _____ (manage) three client projects during the busy quarter.

07 We _____ (invite) the whole team to the launch event.

08 I _____ (record) the client call for our internal notes.

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BRICK 3 · ADD THE MISSING ENDING · APPROX. 7 MIN ●●○

Each sentence is missing **-ed** once on a past-tense verb. Underline the verb and write the full sentence correctly.

01 Yesterday, I check the numbers on the invoice.

02 We sign the contract last Friday.

03 The warehouse ship the order two days ago.

04 Last month, we want more time to finish the report.

05 I email the client three times last week.

06 We start the training program two weeks ago.

BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN ●●●

Write one true English sentence for each prompt. Read every sentence aloud and check the last sound of the base verb for each -ed form.

01 Your last working day: write one true sentence with an -ed form ending in /t/. Check that there is no extra syllable.

02 Your last working week: write one true sentence with an -ed form ending in /d/. Check that the /d/ stays voiced to the end.

03 A current project: write one true sentence with an -ed form ending in /ɪd/. Check that the base verb ends in /t/ or /d/ and gains an extra syllable.

04 Your short status update: write three true sentences with at least one -ed form from each sound group. Mark /t/, /d/ or /ɪd/ above every verb and read everything aloud.

MINI-CHECK — CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I listen to the last sound of the base verb, not the last letter.
- ☐ After a voiceless final sound, I pronounce -ed as /t/ and add no extra syllable.
- ☐ After a voiced final sound, I pronounce -ed as /d/ and keep it buzzing to the end instead of devoicing it to /t/.
- ☐ Only after /t/ or /d/ do I pronounce the extra syllable /ɪd/; I do not transfer the syllables from German arbeitete or spielte to other English verbs.

Not every box ticked? Say the three groups slowly once more and try this sheet again tomorrow.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 rated → **extra syllable /ɪd/**
"Rate" ends in /t/, so -ed becomes the extra syllable /ɪd/.

02 checked → **no extra syllable**
"Check" ends in voiceless /k/ — -ed sounds like /t/.

03 signed → **no extra syllable**
"Sign" ends in voiced /n/ — -ed sounds like /d/.

04 negotiated → **extra syllable /ɪd/**
"Negotiate" ends in /t/, so -ed becomes the extra syllable /ɪd/.

05 updated → **extra syllable /ɪd/**
"Update" ends in /t/, so -ed becomes the extra syllable /ɪd/.

06 managed → **no extra syllable**
"Manage" ends in voiced /dʒ/ — -ed sounds like /d/.

07 shipped → **no extra syllable**
"Ship" ends in voiceless /p/ — -ed sounds like /t/.

08 recorded → **extra syllable /ɪd/**
The verb "record" ends in /d/, so -ed becomes the extra syllable /ɪd/.

09 reviewed → **no extra syllable**
"Review" ends in voiced /uː/ — -ed sounds like /d/.

10 uploaded → **extra syllable /ɪd/**
"Upload" ends in /d/, so -ed becomes the extra syllable /ɪd/.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 **checked**
"Check" ends in voiceless /k/, so -ed sounds like /t/.

02 **shipped**
"Ship" ends in voiceless /p/, so -ed sounds like /t/.

03 **faxed**
"Fax" ends in voiceless /s/, so -ed sounds like /t/.

04 **reviewed**
"Review" ends in voiced /uː/, so -ed sounds like /d/.

05 **installed**
"Install" ends in voiced /l/, so -ed sounds like /d/.

06 **managed**
"Manage" ends in voiced /dʒ/, so -ed sounds like /d/.

07 **invited**
"Invite" ends in /t/, so -ed becomes the extra syllable /ɪd/.

08 **recorded**
The verb "record" ends in /d/, so -ed becomes the extra syllable /ɪd/.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 Yesterday, I **checked** the numbers on the invoice.
"Check" ends in voiceless /k/, so the past ending sounds like /t/.

02 We **signed** the contract last Friday.
"Sign" ends in voiced /n/, so the past ending sounds like /d/.

03 The warehouse **shipped** the order two days ago.
"Ship" ends in voiceless /p/, so the past ending sounds like /t/.

04 Last month, we **wanted** more time to finish the report.
"Want" ends in /t/ — -ed becomes the extra syllable /ɪd/.

05 I **emailed** the client three times last week.
"Email" ends in voiced /l/, so the past ending sounds like /d/.

06 We **started** the training program two weeks ago.
"Start" ends in /t/ — -ed becomes the extra syllable /ɪd/.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your true sentences may differ — for every -ed form, check the last sound, the matching ending, and whether an extra syllable appears only after /t/ or /d/.

01 Yesterday I **checked** the invoice before lunch.
"Check" ends in voiceless /k/ — -ed sounds like /t/.

02 Last week I **called** a supplier about an order.
"Call" ends in voiced /l/ — -ed sounds like /d/.

03 This month I **updated** the project plan.
"Update" ends in /t/, so -ed becomes the extra syllable /ɪd/.

04 I **shipped** an order, **emailed** a client, and **recorded** a call.
"Ship" ends in /p/ → /t/, "email" in /l/ → /d/, and "record" in /d/ → extra syllable /ɪd/.

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