

The Sounds of “ed”

Remember that it is pronunciation, not the spelling, that dictates the following rules. For example, although “laughed” is spelled with –gh, it is pronounced /f/.

ed = /d/ after voiced consonants -b, -g, -j, -l -m, -n, -r, -th, -v, -w, -y, -z

Examples: grabbed, plugged, paged, filled, named, listened, shared, bathed, lived, showed, played, buzzed.

ed = /t/ after unvoiced consonants -k, -f, -p, -s, -x, -ch, -sh

Examples: baked, stuffed, helped, missed, faxed, watched, washed

ed = separate syllable /id/ after -d and -t

Examples: needed, faded, waited, invited, lighted

More examples:

/d/

rubbed
raged
played
ruined
paired
fazed

/t/

capped
poked
laughed
faced
taxed
pushed

/id/

raided
padded
kidded
pitted
lifted
rotted