

PRONUNCIATION FOR PAST TENSE

VERBS ENDING IN /t/ → /təd/

1) → /təd/ is pronounced "ed" (as a separate syllable) only if it comes after the sound of /t, p, k/.

	1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables
worked	wɜ:ktəd	wɜ:ktəd	wɜ:ktəd
looked	lʊktəd	lʊktəd	lʊktəd
traced	preɪstɪd	preɪstɪd	preɪstɪd
searched	sɜ:tʃtəd	sɜ:tʃtəd	sɜ:tʃtəd
reached	reɪtʃtəd	reɪtʃtəd	reɪtʃtəd
reached	reɪtʃtəd	reɪtʃtəd	reɪtʃtəd

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2) → /təd/ is pronounced "ɪd" after voiced sounds. The "ɪ" is silent.

1 syllable	2 syllables
called	kɔ:ldɪd
beamed	bi:mdɪd
played	pleɪdɪd
swam	swɒmdɪd

→ /ɪd/ is pronounced "ɪd" only if it comes after the sound of /b, g, p, v, d, ð, z/.

3) → /ɪd/ is pronounced "ɪd" after sounds which form consonants /b, g, p, v, d, ð, z/.

b	g	p	v	d	ð
called	called	called	called	called	called
beamed	beamed	beamed	beamed	beamed	beamed
played	played	played	played	played	played
swam	swam	swam	swam	swam	swam
reached	reached	reached	reached	reached	reached
reached	reached	reached	reached	reached	reached