

Pronunciation: final "ed" & "s"

Overview

The final -ed ending has three different pronunciations: /t/, /d/, and /ed/

Final **-ed** is pronounced **/t/** after <u>all voiceless sounds</u>. Voiceless sounds are made by pushing air through your mouth; no sound comes from your throat.

Examples of voiceless sounds: "K", "P", "S", "Ch", "Sh", "F"

•	Loo <u>k</u>	\rightarrow	looked	\rightarrow	look/ t /
•	Clap	\rightarrow	clapped	\rightarrow	clap/ t /
•	Mi <u>ss</u>	\rightarrow	missed	\rightarrow	miss/t/
•	Wat <u>ch</u>	\rightarrow	watched	\rightarrow	watch/ t /
•	Fini <u>sh</u>	\rightarrow	finished	\rightarrow	finish/t/

Final **-ed** is pronounced **/d/** after <u>voiced sounds</u>. Voiced sounds come from your throat. Touch your neck when you make a voiced sound, you can feel your voice box vibrate.

Examples of voiced sounds: "L", "V", "N", "B" and all vowel sounds.

Final **-ed** is pronounced **/ed/** after **"T"**, and **"D"** sounds. The sound **/ed/** adds a whole syllable to a word.

Example: Looked □ look/t/ = one syllable; Needed □ need/ed/ = two syllables

Pronunciation of -s, -es

To make a noun plural, a final -s or -es is added to the noun

- Noun + s: <u>Friend + s</u> = Friends
- Noun + es: I like my <u>classes</u>

A final **-s** or **-es** is added to a <u>present tense verb</u> when the subject is a singular noun, e.g. my father works at a bank. (My father is a singular noun)

- Verb + s: Mary enjoys cooking
- Verb + es: John watches the baseball game

Final -s is pronounced /s/ after voiceless sounds, as in "T", "P", and "K"

• Seat \rightarrow seats \rightarrow seat/s/
• Rope \rightarrow ropes \rightarrow rope/s/



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Back → backs → back/s/

Final -s is pronounced /z/ after voiced sounds, as in "D", "B", "G" and "EE"

- See \underline{d} \rightarrow seeds \rightarrow seed/z/
- Robe \rightarrow robes \rightarrow robe/z/
- Bag \rightarrow bags \rightarrow bag/z/
 See \rightarrow sees \rightarrow see/z/

Final -s and -es are pronounced /ez/ after "SH," "CH," "S," "Z," and "GE,", "DGE". The /ez/ ending adds a syllable.

- Dish → dishes → dish/ez/
- Catch \rightarrow catches \rightarrow catch/ez/
- ullet Kiss o kisses o kiss/ez/
- Mix \rightarrow mixes \rightarrow mix/ez/
- Prize → prizes → prize/ez/
- Edge \rightarrow edges \rightarrow edge/ez/

Spelling: Final -s/-es

Most words (verbs & nouns), add a final -s

sing → sings; song → songs

Final -es is added to words ending with -SH, -CH, -S, -Z, and -X.

- washes \rightarrow washes
- watches \rightarrow watches
- \bullet classes \rightarrow classes
- buz \underline{z} \rightarrow buzzes
- bo \underline{x} \rightarrow boxes

For words ending in **-y**:

If -y is preceded by a vowel only -s is added,

• $toy \rightarrow toys$; $buy \rightarrow buys$

If **-y** is <u>preceded</u> by a <u>consonant</u>, the -y is <u>changed to **-i** and **-es** is added.</u>

 $\bullet \quad \text{baby} \to \text{babies; cry} \to \text{cries}$