

The Pronunciation of Regular Verbs in the Past Exercise

1 Place the verbs into the correct columns below. There are ten answers for each column.

allowed	flooded	mixed	visited
asked	guessed	pasted	wasted
cracked	included	relaxed	washed
cried	jailed	repeated	watched
damaged	killed	shaved	welcomed
decided	landed	slipped	yawned
encouraged	loved	stopped	
ended	missed	tasted	

1 - / d /	2 - / t /	3 - / id /
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6
7	7	7
8	8	8
9	9	9
10	10	10

2 Complete the rules for the pronunciation of regular verbs in the past.

- i. When the regular verb ends in a vowel sound or voiced consonant sound (B, G, L, M, N, V, Y and Z), the -ed ending is pronounced /..... /.

- ii. When the regular verb ends in an unvoiced consonant sound (K, F, P, -SH, -TCH or X), the -ed ending is pronounced /..... /.

- iii. The -ed ending is pronounced /id/ when the verb ends in the consonant sounds /..... / and /..... /.

Answers

/d/	/t/	/ɪd/
1 allowed	1 asked	1 decided
2 cried	2 cracked	2 ended
3 damaged	3 guessed	3 flooded
4 encouraged	4 missed	4 included
5 jailed	5 mixed	5 landed
6 killed	6 relaxed	6 pasted
7 loved	7 slipped	7 repeated
8 shaved	8 stopped	8 lasted
9 welcomed	9 washed	9 visited
10 yawned	10 watched	10 wasted

2 Complete the rules for pronunciation of regular verbs in the past.

i. The -ed ending for verbs whose infinitive ends in a vowel sound or voiced consonant (e.g. the letter M) is pronounced /d/.

ii. The -ed ending for verbs whose infinitive form ends in an unvoiced consonant (e.g. P or F), is pronounced /t/.

iii. The -ed ending for verbs whose infinitive ends in the letters d and t is pronounced /ɪd/.