

## 4 REGULAR VERBS: PRONUNCIATION OF *-ED* ENDINGS

She talked to me for an hour.

talk/t/



- (a) talked = talk/t/  
stopped = stop/t/  
hiss**ed** = hiss/t/  
watch**ed** = watch/t/  
wash**ed** = wash/t/

voiceless sound + **-ed** → **/t/**

examples: **/f/k/ /p/ /s/ /ch/ /sh/ th/**

- (b) **called** = call/d/  
rained = rain/d/  
lived = live/d/  
robbed = rob/d/  
stayed = stay/d/

voiced sound + **-ed** → **/d/**

examples: **/l/, /n/ /v/ /b/...**

- (b) called = call/d/  
rained = rain/d/  
l**iv**ed = live/d/  
rob**b**ed = rob/d/  
stay**y**ed = stay/d/

voiced sound + **-ed** → **/d/**

examples: **/l/, /n/, /v/, /b/, all vowel sounds**

- (c) waited = wait /id/  
needed = need /id/

**“t” or “d” + -ed → /id/**

**Note** that it is **the sound** that is important, not the letter or spelling. For example, “fax” ends in the letter “x” but the sound /s/; “like” ends in the letter “e” but the sound /k/.

## 4 Let's Practice

behave ?



1. /t/
2. /d/
3. /id/

behave/d/



1. /t/
2. /d/
3. /id/

plant ?



- 1. /t/
- 2. /d/
- 3. /id/



plant/əd/



1. /t/
2. /d/
3. /id/

We *slept* in tents at camp last summer.

