

## Pronunciation: final “ed” and “s”

### Overview

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

- **Final -ed is pronounced /t/ after all voiceless sounds.** 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”**

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The sound /ed/ adds a whole syllable to a word

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

- washh → washes
- watchch → watches
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