Pronunciation of “ed” when forming past tense.

Three Ways to Pronounce “ed”, when “ed” is part of the past tense of a regular verb, it can be pronounced as /ɪd/, /t/ or /d/ depending on the final sound of the root verb.

Practice exercise:

Read and listen closely as you hear the following words, then sort them into the correct columns.

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/d/ /t/ /Id/

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