

## Unit 2 Phonetics and Pronunciation

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Learning goals:

- Differentiate the pronunciations of regular verbs ending with ‘ed’
- Be able to pronounce words based on IPA standards

As you know, the **–ed** suffix is added to regular verbs in English to form their past form. This –ed ending can be pronounced in three different ways: /ɪd/, /d/ and /t/

Some clues to understand and to know how to pronounce –ed endings of regular verbs: past simple and past participle forms.

- If the infinitive or base verb ends in a /t/ or /d/ sound, the –ed ending is pronounced as /ɪd/, adding an extra syllable. Examples:

Shout /shaʊt/ > shouted /shaʊtɪd/

Want /wɔːnt/ > wanted /wɔːntɪd/

Need /niːd/ > needed /niːdɪd/

End /end/ > ended /endɪd/

- The –ed ending is pronounced as /t/ if the infinitive or base verbs end in any of these sounds: /f/, /tʃ/, /s/, /θ/, /k/, /p/, or /f/ ð  
Examples:

Wash /wɔːʃ / > washed /wɔːʃt/

Watch /wɑːtʃ / > watched /wɑːtʃt/

Kiss /kɪs/ > kissed /kɪst/

Breath /briːð/ > breathed /briːðt/

Ask /æsk/ > asked /æskt/

Stop /stɑːp/ > stopped /stɑːpt/

Laugh /lɑːf/ > laughed /lɑːft/

- The –ed ending of the infinitive or base verbs ending in any other sound (either vocalic or consonant) is pronounced as /d/

Examples:

Play /pleɪ/ > played /pleɪd/

Travel /'trævəl/ > travelled /'trævəld/

Allow /ə'laʊ/ > allowed /ə'laʊd/

**Practice pronouncing these verbs and classify them in the corresponding box below:**

CONVERTED, BASED, SOWED, PLOUGHED, FERTILIZED, CULTIVATED, HARVESTED, PROCESSED,

INGENEERED, MENDED, OBTAINED, YIELDED, REPLIED, IMPACTED, ASKED, MISSED, SIFTED,

RECYCLED, WATCHED, FILLED, SEQUESTERED, CARBONIZED, TALKED, DEVELOPED, VANISHED

/t/	/d/	/d/

Of course! Here's a **short and clear lesson on phonetics** using your examples, well organized for classroom use:

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## Phonetics Lesson: Vowel Sounds Practice

### □ Objective:

- Recognize and pronounce common vowel sounds correctly in English words.
  - Practice the difference between **short vowels**, **long vowels**, and **diphthongs**.
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### □ Part 1: Long and Short Vowels

Word	Sound	Symbol	Example Pronunciation
cheese	long	/i:/	like "tree"
rich	short	/ɪ/	like "sit"
book	short	/ʊ/	like "foot"
boot	long	/u:/	like "food"
bed	short	/e/	like "red"
dog	short	/ɒ/	like "hot"
cat	short	/æ/	like "hat"
bus	short	/ʌ/	like "cup"

### □ Part 2: Diphthongs (Double Sounds)

Word	Sound	Symbol	Example Pronunciation
ear	diphthong	/iə/	like "ear"
baby	diphthong	/eɪ/	like "day"
bird	long vowel	/ɜ:/	like "girl"
ball	long vowel	/ɔ:/	like "call"
cow	diphthong	/aʊ/	like "now"
car	long vowel	/ɑ:/	like "star"
phone	diphthong	/əʊ/	like "go"

Word	Sound	Symbol	Example Pronunciation
boy	diphthong	/ɔɪ/	like "toy"
airplane	diphthong	/eə/	like "care"
knife	diphthong	/aɪ/	like "sky"
cure	diphthong	/ʊə/	like "pure"

## Part 3: Pronunciation Practice (Repeat After Me!)

- /i:/ – cheese, tree, see
  - /u:/ – boot, food, school
  - /eɪ/ – baby, day, say
  - /aʊ/ – cow, now, how
  - /ɔɪ/ – boy, toy, joy
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## Quick Practice Exercise

Match the word to the correct sound:

**Word Sound**

ball \_\_\_\_  
cow \_\_\_\_  
knife \_\_\_\_  
bird \_\_\_\_  
boot \_\_\_\_

✓ **Answer Key:**

- ball → /ɔ:/
  - cow → /aʊ/
  - knife → /aɪ/
  - bird → /ɜ:/
  - boot → /u:/
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Pronounce these words

#### Word List with IPA

Word	Pronunciation (IPA)
stock	/stɒk/
stalk	/stɔ:k/
here	/hɪə/
hair	/heə/
stand	/stænd/
stunned	/stʌnd/
tour	/tʊə/

Word	Pronunciation (IPA)
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tower	/taʊə/
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turn	/tɜ:n/
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ton	/tʌn/
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learn	/lɜ:n/
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line	/laɪn/
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sand	/sænd/
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send	/send/
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far	/fɑ:/
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fear	/fiə/
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leak	/li:k/
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lake	/leɪk/
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voice	/vɔɪs/
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vice	/vaɪs/
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geese	/gi:s/
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guess	/ɡes/
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oil	/ɔɪl/
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owl	/aʊl/
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bear	/beə/
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buyer	/'baɪə/
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should	/ʃʊd/
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showed	/ʃəʊd/
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chin	/tʃɪn/
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chain	/tʃeɪn/
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full	/fʊl/
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fool	/fu:l/
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order	/'ɔ:də/
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odour	/'əʊdə/
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pond	/pɒnd/
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pound	/paʊnd/
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# New Matching Activity: Match the Word with its Pronunciation

## Instructions:

Match each **word** to the correct **IPA pronunciation**.

Word	Pronunciation
1. geese	a) /lɜ:n/
2. guess	b) /gi:s/
3. learn	c) /gɛs/
4. turn	d) /tʌn/
5. ton	e) /tɜ:n/
6. leak	f) /li:k/
7. line	g) /laɪn/
8. order	h) /'ɔ:də/
9. odour	i) /'əʊdə/
10. owl	j) /aʊl/

## Correction (Answer Key):

### Word      Correct Pronunciation

- 1. geese    b) /gi:s/
- 2. guess    c) /gɛs/
- 3. learn    a) /lɜ:n/
- 4. turn      e) /tɜ:n/
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