

Letter Team ed

The letters *e* and *d* combine to form a letter team and a suffix when they are used at the end of a word to indicate past tense. **The letter team *ed* represents the short *e* sound followed by the /d/ sound and forms its own syllable when it follows directly after the letters *d* or *t*.** When *ed* forms its own syllable along with the preceding *d* or *t* letter, underline the *ed* team, and place the number one directly under the letter *e* to indicate that while *ed* functions as a team to indicate tense, the letter *e* represents its short sound:

nod-2-ded no-1-ted.
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The letter team *ed* does not form its own syllable when it is not preceded by the letters *d* or *t*. In this instance the first vowel in the syllable not the team *ed* will represent the syllable's vowel sound. The letter team *ed* when not preceded by the letters *d* or *t* will represent either a /d/ sound (**first sound**) or a /t/ sound (**second sound**):

ed = /d/ *pulled*, *named* ed = /t/ *picked*, *baked*

When the *ed* team does not form its own syllable and is preceded by two or more consonants, the first vowel in that syllable will make its short sound. In the instance where the *ed* team is separated from the first vowel in the syllable by only one consonant, the letter *e* in the *ed* team will often serve as a signal to the first vowel to make its long sound: *pinned*, *baked*.

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| 1. | shaped | jammed | batted | rested |
| 2. | wined | dimmed | rotted | tipped |
| 3. | polished | matted | scraped | baked |
| 4. | blessed | shouted | nodded | seemed |
| 5. | hoped | traded | toasted | dusted |
| 6. | landed | stopped | returned | happened |
| 7. | marked | cleaned | founded | faked |
| 8. | waited | raked | pleaded | hummed |
| 9. | wheeled | fitted | resumed | prepared |
| 10. | planted | hugged | danced | rated |
| 11. | skipped | lifted | grabbed | changed |