

Past tense endings: food, cooking, and eating

Exercise: Sorting 'ed' Endings in Past Tense Verbs

In this exercise, you'll sort 20 past tense verbs related to preparing food, cooking, and eating into three different categories based on their pronunciation of the "ed" ending. Below are the three categories:

1. Soft "d" sound: The "ed" sounds like a soft 'd.' (e.g., "played")
2. "t" sound: The "ed" sounds like a 't.' This usually follows verbs that end with "k", "p", "ss", "sh" or similar sounds. (e.g., "cooked")
3. Extra syllable "ed": The "ed" adds an extra syllable and sounds like 'id.' This usually follows verbs that end with "t" and "d." (e.g., "wanted")

Complete columns 2 and 3 first; the remaining verbs will likely go into the soft "d" column.

Past Tense Verbs	Soft "d" Sound	"t" Sound	Extra Syllable "ed"
fried			
sliced			
baked			
grilled			
stirred			
washed			
chopped			
tasted			
boiled			
roasted			
mixed			
peeled			
steamed			
toasted			
blended			
sautéed			
poured			
marinated			
seasoned			
mashed			

Reading Exercise

Last weekend, Sarah **hosted** a dinner party. She **fried** some chicken and **sliced** some vegetables. She **baked** bread and **grilled** some fish. She also **stirred** the sauce and **washed** all the vegetables. Her husband, Tom, **chopped** onions and **tasted** the soup to make sure it was delicious. Then, Sarah **boiled** eggs and **roasted** potatoes. After that, they **mixed** drinks and **peeled** some fruit. For dessert, they **steamed** buns and **toasted** almonds. Before the guests arrived, they **blended** a smoothie and **sautéed** some mushrooms. Finally, Tom **poured** wine and **marinated** the steak, while Sarah **seasoned** the salad and **mashed** the potatoes. Dinner, was ready to be served.

Soft “d” Sound

- fried
- grilled
- stirred
- boiled
- poured
- seasoned
- sautéed
- peeled

“t” Sound

- sliced
- baked
- washed
- chopped
- steamed
- mixed
- mashed

Extra Syllable “ed”

- tasted
- roasted
- toasted
- blended
- marinated